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York no-women debate a sign of things to come?

Accommodating faith. Student's request to skip work with women sparks tiff at university

The case of a York University student who asked to be excused from group work with women for religious reasons is believed to be a first for Canada's ivory tower — and experts say with an increasingly diverse population, more of these controversies will arise.

Sociology professor Paul Grayson wanted to deny the student's request but first asked the faculty dean and university's human-rights centre, who said he should acquiesce.

In the end — after fellow professors in the department agreed such a move would marginalize women — Grayson denied the request. The student relented and completed the required work with the females in his group.

"This situation has never arisen before (at York)," said Grayson, who doesn't believe he will be disciplined. "To my knowledge, this is the first time in Canada this kind of case has emerged."

Rhonda Lenton, York's provost and vice-president academic, said a deciding factor was that it was an online course, and another student had been allowed to complete the requirement off-campus.

"Nevertheless, the broader issue of religious accommodations ... remains an important societal concern that warrants further discussion," Lenton said in a statement Thursday.

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No isolated issue

Other universities are also grappling with the issue of competing rights:

- Last month, British Prime Minister David Cameron forced universities to put a stop to sex-segregated seating for lectures by visiting Islamic scholars.
- A Mormon theatre student at the University of Utah tried to sue the school 10 years ago for asking her to say the swear words in a script.

ORPHAN DENIED A HOME

A Russian law has prevented Jeff and Kelly Fox from completing the adoption of Dylan from a Volgograd orphanage. The broken-hearted couple has asked the government of Canada for help. See story, page 3. COURTESY FOX FAMILY

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Richmond Hill

Shooting took lives of two teens

Two teens, aged 15 and 18, were the victims of a targeted triple shooting in Richmond Hill that left another critically injured in hospital.

Police identified Premier Hoang, 18, of Brampton as one of the victims on Thursday. He died in hospital after suffering gunshot wounds. A 15-year-old female was also killed in the attack that left her 20-year-old brother, of Brampton, in life-threatening condition. Police said they are not releasing her name, to protect her sibling.

All three were found inside a shot-up four-door red Lexus outside the Centre Green housing co-op near Yonge and Major MacKenzie, just after midnight on Wednesday. Officers were called to the complex after neighbours were startled to hear more than a dozen gunshots. The 15-year-old girl was already dead when police arrived. Her brother survived but was still in critical condition Thursday, police said.

A family member of the siblings said they are not ready to speak, with one relative still in hospital.

Online, as news of the youngest teen's passing spread throughout the day, friends remembered her as a kind and "beautiful soul" who went out of her way to help others.

Some agonized over the loss of young life that has continued into the new year, tweeting "Another one" and "Who's next?"

Police are seeking at least two male suspects believed to have fled the area on foot. A police release Thursday reiterated investigators' belief that this was not a "random act."

A silver Honda parked next to the Lexus was also towed from the parking lot Wednesday, police said.

In 2013, the average age of shooting victims hit a two-decade low in Toronto, with seven dead under 16.

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Police at the scene in Richmond Hill TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford favours pot decriminalization

Mayor Rob Ford, who says he has smoked "a lot" of marijuana and was once arrested in the U.S. with a joint in his pocket, spoke favourably of marijuana decriminalization Thursday.

Ford has admitted to using crack cocaine and marijuana as mayor and powder cocaine in the past. He is now the most prominent Conservative to muse about marijuana decriminalization in recent years.

Ford was asked for his views during his weekly appearance on a Washington, DC sports radio show, The Sports Junkies on 106.7 The Fan. He said legalization is "not going to happen" under a "very strict" Conservative government in Canada, but then questioned the government's approach.

Mayor Rob Ford THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The Conservative government up here is very... you know, it's job creation, it is stimulating the economy but I've questioned that too sometimes, why wouldn't they at least decriminalize it and try to get revenue from it?" Ford said.

"We have medicinal marijuana ... but they won't legalize it or decriminalize."

Ford's comments represent a shift in his public position. He had previously endorsed current marijuana laws.

Ford has always fashioned himself a law-and-order conservative. In 2005, he was the most outspoken council opponent of the Toronto Drug Strategy, which advocated support for decriminalization, the provision of "crack kits" to reduce health risks to crack cocaine users. "Crack kits? ... you're just ... supplying paraphernalia to kill themselves," Ford said then. "You might as well just give them a rope and chair, put them in a room and say 'Hang yourself.' "

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GTA couples ask for PM's help with Russian adoption

'Please, Prime Minister...' Russian law prevents the adoption of Russian children by people from countries that recognize same-sex marriage

Like many moms-to-be, Kelly Fox became very emotional during her baby shower.

Her guests thought she was simply overwhelmed with joy that Dylan, a two-year-old she and husband Jeff were adopting, would soon be on his way to his new home in Oakville.

But the tears were from a disappointing message Fox received just minutes before walking into her parents' home for the party. Dylan, whose birth name is Daniil, will be staying at his Volgograd orphanage due to a judicial interpretation of Russian laws that, in effect, prevents the adoption of Russian children by people from countries that recognize same-sex marriage.

For the Fox couple, that means their "beautiful, tiny," would-be son with the platinum hair and grey eyes will remain at the orphanage where no one else has come to visit him and where every day he gets older without his new parents. Jeff has a daughter from a previous relationship but the couple has no children together.

"We fell in love with him, that's the easy part to talk about," Fox, 42, said.

This week, she and two other GTA couples asked the Canadian government to step in, since they have already been approved by both Canada and Russia pending only the final custody hearing.

Dylan, 2, whose birth name is Daniil CONTRIBUTED

"Please, Prime Minister Harper, we are heartbroken and don't know where else to turn. Please call President Putin yourself. Please remind him that Russia offered us these children and allowed us to bond with them," Kelly and Jeff Fox state in an open letter also signed by Oakville couple Sherry and Derek Wilson, and Kelly Duffin and Jeremy Strain of Toronto. All initiated the adoption process in 2012.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander said in a statement this week the Russian policy is "a great disappointment to us and dozens of families in Canada, same-sex or otherwise. Our concern is with the children impacted by this decision.

"The Government of Canada has raised concerns with the Russian authorities, and we continue to seek clarification and answers about the impact of this new directive for Canadians seeking to adopt children in Russia."

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"It breaks my heart to think (Dylan) might grow up thinking he was abandoned not only by his biological family but also by us." Kelly Fox

Wildlife centre rescues freezing bats

Rescue workers at the Toronto Wildlife Centre are caring for 68 bats, including a colony from Newmarket which was freezing to death during the ice storm.

"Every winter this does happen with some bats, it's just this is more bats than usual," said Nathalie Karvonen, the centre's executive director.

Kenneth Welch Jr., who teaches biology at the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus, said their diminutive size — the big brown bats at the Toronto Wildlife Centre weigh a mere 15 grams each — make the animals very sensitive to changes in their environment.

This means bats lose water very quickly in dry air, both by exhaling and from evaporation off their skin, Welch said.

Rescue workers at the Toronto Wildlife Centre have had to nurse dehydrated bats back to health with water-filled syringes and live mealworms.

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A rescued bat munches down on a mealworm. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Realtor's death. Accused in fatal kidnapping faces murder trial in China

The alleged mastermind of a kidnapping-for-ransom plot at a luxury Mississauga home three years ago that led to the death of a Toronto real-estate agent will stand trial in China for intentional homicide.

Guo Wei Wu, 45, labelled Canada's most wanted fugitive, has been the subject of a Canada-wide warrant since early 2011. Wu was arrested in China last October on an unrelated matter.

Although no extradition treaty exists between Canada and China, Chinese law allows for the trial of Chinese citizens for offences committed in Canada.

Discussions and the exchange of information between the two countries has resulted in Wu being arrested on a charge of intentional homicide in the death of realtor Tony Han.

Han's client, Johnny Fei, was released less than a week after his abduction on Jan. 20, 2011.

The evidence in this case, as gathered by Peel Regional Police, will be provided to the Chinese justice authorities under the auspices of a formal Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty request that will be co-ordinated, reviewed and approved by Canada's Federal Department of Justice, Const. Fiona Thivierge said.

Guo Wei Wu TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Manhunt

Guo Wei Wu, among 60 people on Canada's most-wanted list, was also featured on America's Most Wanted last year.

"Once approved, Wu will be tried in a Chinese court," she added.

Han and Fei disappeared from Fei's multimillion-dollar home on Featherston Drive. Fei was found alive and badly injured in a Toronto parking lot six days later, but Han was found dead the following summer in a Markham home. An autopsy confirmed he died of a heart attack while being held captive. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Music's big night

Hamilton to host 2015 Junos

Next year's Juno Awards honouring Canadian music will be held in Steeltown.

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and CTV say the 44th annual awards will be broadcast from Hamilton's Copps Coliseum on March 15, 2015.

The city previously hosted the Junos in 2001, as well as in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1999.

This year's awards are being held in Winnipeg on March 30. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen takes action after father's brush with cancer

Compete for the Cure. 17-year-old behind charity dodgeball and basketball tournament this Sunday that has already raised $70,000

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Lauren Clarfield didn't realize how close she had come to losing her father when he sat her down to deliver news of his pancreatic cancer diagnosis nearly five years ago.

In fact, it wasn't until last summer, when they took part in the Ride to Conquer Cancer, a cycling fundraiser, when it finally dawned on the 17-year-old how lucky she was to have her father there beside her, cancer-free.

"He (my dad) was saying that all I really care is that you're here beside me, I don't care if you finish, I'm just happy to be alive, and I never thought I would be biking beside my kids again," said Clarfield, recalling herself sitting on the side of the road, on the verge of giving up.

It was that precise moment that spurred Clarfield into action to create Compete for the Cure, a charity sporting event for high school students, to give back to the cancer community.

"After I got back on the bike, I realized how lucky I was and how grateful I should be and how I've sort of underestimated the severity of the disease," said Clarfield, about one of the leading causes of cancer deaths in Canada.

Lauren and her father, Dr. Michael Clarfield, during a ski trip to Whistler last March. CONTRIBUTED

By youth, for youth

"I just wanted youth to be able to get involved in events to raise funds towards cancer research. Not only that, but have them feel welcome."
Lauren Clarfield

But having attended several charity cancer events with her dad before, she knew hers was going to be different.

"I realized that a lot of events aren't youth-oriented," she said. "I just wanted youth to be able to get involved in events to raise funds towards cancer research. Not only that, but have them feel welcome."

The one-day dodgeball and basketball tournament is set to take place this Sunday. Now with almost 400 Grade 11 and 12 students from 20 local high schools registered for the event, Clarfield has already raised $70,000.

Clarfield's hoping, by the end of the event, they'll have more than $80,000. The proceeds will go to Pancreatic Cancer Canada, which funds research, education and treatment programs.

With this experience under her belt, Clarfield is looking to expand her vision for Compete for the Cure.

"We hope to have it annually and have new people take on leadership roles and sort of pass on the torch as they get older," she said.

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A man rides his e-bike.
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Committee puts brakes on e-bikes-in-bike-lanes plan

E-bike users say they are a cheap, efficient way to get around Toronto's traffic-choked streets, especially for people with impaired mobility.

Critics say e-bikes are too fast, too heavy and too quiet, and should not be allowed in regular bike lanes.

On Thursday, after hearing from supporters and detractors, the public works committee voted to defer a decision on a staff recommendation to permit e-bikes in conventional, painted bicycle lanes.

"There are serious safety concerns … that we haven't even begun to understand," said Coun. Mike Layton, adding the proposal needs more study before any decisions are made.

Coun. Janet Davis also supported the deferral.

But Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, who chairs the committee and voted to accept the staff recommendation, said the city is shirking its duty because there is potential danger in "forcing those (e-)bikes into traffic."

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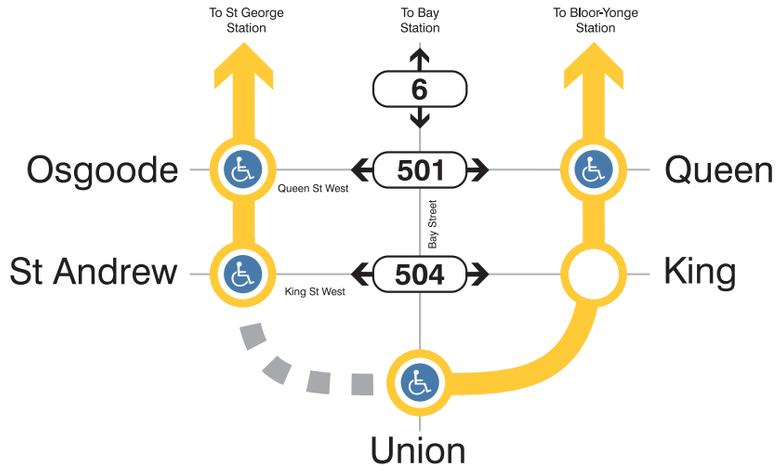

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TTC CEO Andy Byford says the city would be better off with pro-transit councillors at city
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'Visionaries' sustainable

Speech. TTC CEO says upcoming elections provide an opportunity to elect 'pro-transit' leaders

TTC CEO Andy Byford doesn't have a vote, but he says this year's civic and provincial elections are a golden opportunity to elect "visionaries in key offices" who understand the value of transit, not just its cost.

Byford, a Brit who isn't eligible to vote in Canada, said he's not endorsing any particular candidate.

"Whoever the mayor is and whoever the city councillors are, I want them to be pro-transit," he told reporters following a lunch speech at the Toronto Region Board of Trade. The business event Thursday was attended by TTC chair Karen Stintz, who has declared her intention to run against Mayor Rob Ford.

Painting a bleak picture of the system's precarious finances, Byford insisted he won't back away from the fight to wring more TTC funding from governments.

Four years ago, the TTC delivered 462 million rides on a subsidy of $430 million. This year it is projected to carry 80 million more rides, on a city subsidy of just $427

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"The last few days have starkly demonstrated the fragility of our existing network as we have struggled to keep 30-year-old streetcars going in Arctic temperatures."
TTC CEO Andy Byford

hall. Karen Stintz was also at the Toronto Region Board of Trade event on Thursday.

needed for TTC: Byford

million.

That's an increase from the past two years, but later this month city council will debate boosting the subsidy a little more to close the remaining $6-million gap in the TTC's operating budget.

The system's $9-billion, 10-year capital-spending picture looks dire right now, with a $2.3-billion shortfall in needed purchases of new equipment, repairs and maintenance, Byford said.

Over the past 20 years, the TTC's workforce has increased only 18 per cent, while service has been expanded 27 per cent and ridership has risen by 32 per cent.

This year is significant in that the TTC is rolling out a series of mega-projects: new streetcars, Presto electronic payments and computerized signaling on the Yonge line.

It will also launch its second customer service charter this month, with 30 new performance promises.

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A better better way?

Byford acknowledged that it's difficult to justify fare hikes to TTC riders, now adjusting to a New Year's increase, when the service is increasingly crowded. But he promised that, given more money, he can transform the TTC into a modern, customer-oriented business.

- However, he is under no illusions. "We are still nowhere near good enough. Consistency of our service is still patchy, delays are far too frequent and our capability both in terms of equipment and people performance has a long way to go," he said.

Education

Ontario pledges to pay for new satellite campuses

Queen's Park will fund new satellite campuses to make room for thousands more undergraduate students in boom areas where space is falling short of demand.

But the province no longer specifies it will fund precisely three such projects, but rather says now it will fund as many as required to meet the need.

"It could be more than three, it could be less, but the focus is on those high-growth areas that are currently underserved, where Ontario students are waiting to get into undergraduate programs," said Emily Hedges, spokesperson for MPP Brad Duguid, Ontario's minister of training, colleges and universities.

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Sarnia

Cops baffled by mystery cellphone that's made over 360 calls to 911

Sarnia police are asking the public to help solve a mystery. They say they've received hundreds of 911 calls from the same cellphone since Christmas, but they don't know who the caller is.

There have been over 360 calls, including 58 in one day, and police say it's likely a Rogers customer on a cell with no SIM card.

When the call is answered, police say there's a garbled message from someone believed to be a small child or possibly someone with a disability.

It's been determined the calls are being made within a one-kilometre radius.

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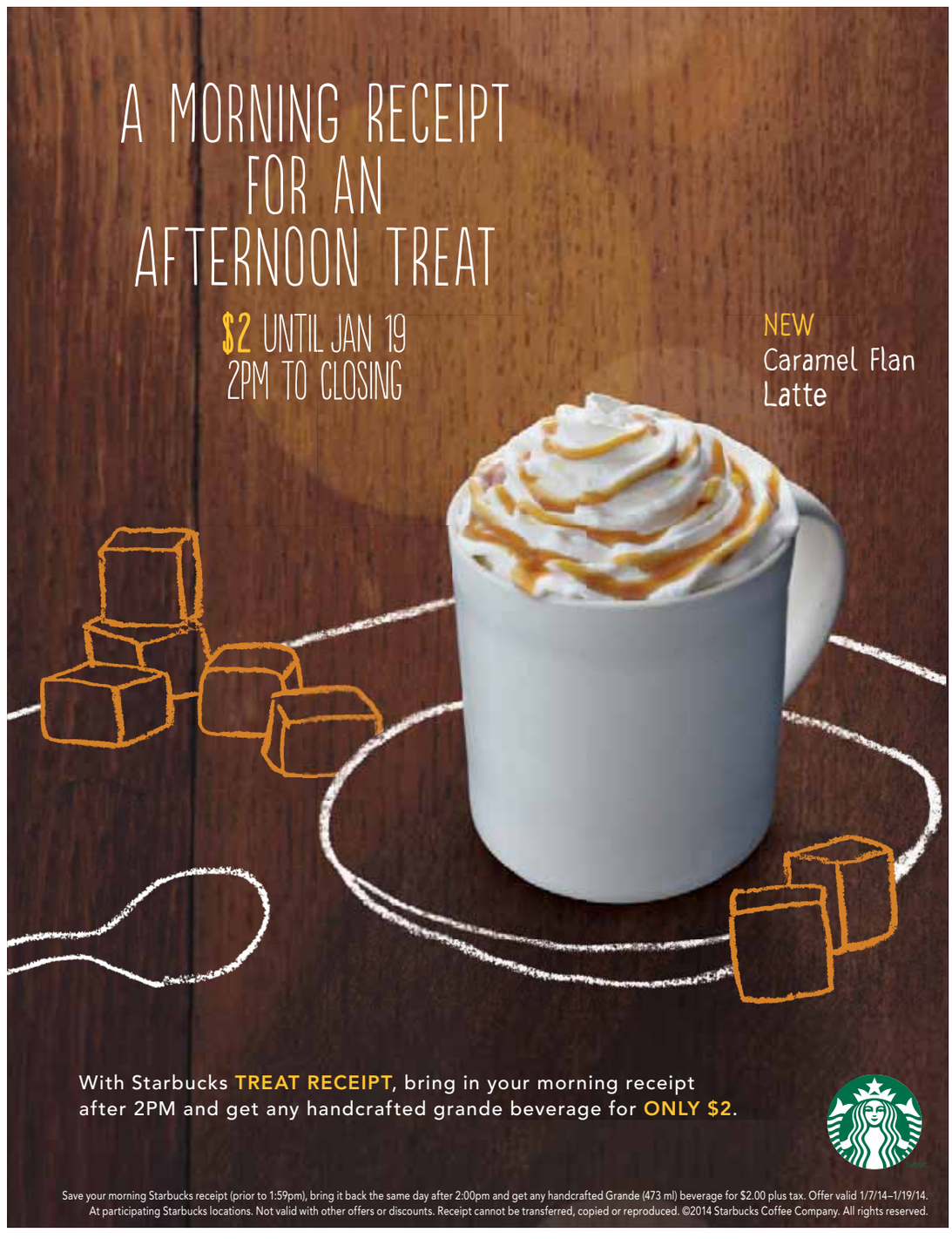
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The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics: Defeat, triumph, tragedy and the weather

"Basically all four years lead to one second that can screw you all up."

Canadian ski jumper Stefan Read on failing to qualify for the main competition.

"We have all seen ... how close victory and failure and disaster is together."

Three-time luge gold medallist and German coach Georg Hackl on the death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili in a Feb. 12 training crash.

"If 80,000 girls (in Canada) are playing 267 (in Slovakia), that's the 18-0."

International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel on the state of women's hockey.

"The snow, we bring it in and the warm weather it comes and it disappears."

VANOC spokeswoman Renee Smith-Valade on the rescue of Cypress Mountain's freestyle skiing and snowboarding venues.

"If I could have done this job with a paper bag over my head I probably would have."

VANOC CEO John Furlong on being a public figure.

"These were excellent and friendly Games!"

IOC president Jacques Rogge

Lessons from an old flame

Whether it was the fatal luge crash at Whistler's too-fast sled track, the spring-like weather, or the opening ceremony cauldron malfunction, Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympics had a dismal start. But they enjoyed a strong finish because red mitten-clad Canadians poured into the streets to cheer on their athletes. But when it comes to a mega-event's legacy, host cities want more than smiles, high fives and happy memories. They want infrastructure, jobs and investment. With the 2014 Winter Games starting next month, Metro looks at Vancouver's Olympic legacy, which could serve as a warning — or hope — for both Sochi and Toronto, host of the 2015 Pan American Games

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Metro in Vancouver

The Olympic cauldron during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics on Feb. 19, 2010, at left, and earlier this year. LEFT: HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES FILE; RIGHT: JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

THE PITCH

During his B.C. premiership, Gordon Campbell was the biggest salesman for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

He claimed it would add $10 billion to the province's economy and he boldly challenged the tourism industry to use the Games to double its revenue. Governments also tried to use the Games to spark domestic and international trade and investment, but the 2008 global economic crisis got in the way.

During the boom-and-bust, bid-to-hosting cycle between 2000 and 2010, Campbell's B.C. Progress Board found B.C.'s economy, personal income and jobs rankings fell behind other provinces and social conditions remained static at ninth overall.

TOURISM FALLS SHORT

Through 2012, tourism was a $13.5-billion industry, unlikely to reach Campbell's $18-billion wish by 2015.

"Even though it received a boost from the 2010 Olympic Games, the province's tourism sector has not kept pace with the rest of the economy over the longer run, as growth in 2011 and 2012 has been well below the average in other industries," according to a Destination B.C. report.

Since 2007, tourism expanded 4.5 per cent, which is below the 6.1 per cent for the overall economy and the 7.8 per cent for the service sector.

Buoyed by a record Olympic February, Vancouver registered 8.415 million hotel stays in 2010, far below the 2007 record of 8.91 million. For 2012, the most recent year available, Vancouver counted 8.34 million room nights.

A BOOM FOR REAL ESTATE

Greater Vancouver homebuilding and buying boomed. The population has swelled by 100,000 since January 2010. The Economist Intelligence Unit named Vancouver the world's third most-livable city, but North America's most-expensive.

Metro Vancouver housing starts of 8,203 in 2000 reached 20,736 in 2007. After plummeting to 8,339 in 2009, starts recovered to 19,027 in 2012.

The Games had an estimated 1.8 billion viewers worldwide, including many deep-pocketed real estate investors. Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver statistics show the detached property benchmark was $425,540 when the International Olympic Committee chose Vancouver in July 2003 and rose to $800,796 in February 2010. It reached $927,000 in December 2013.

NOT A BUSINESS DRAW

Vancouver, Richmond and Surrey combined with Western Economic Diversification Canada for the $1.54-million Metro Vancouver Commerce hospitality program at Gamestime. They wined, dined and plied 100 businesspeople with Games tickets, hoping to draw investment.

Two months after the Games, MVC boasted eight deals worth $60 million. Four small companies agreed to open Vancouver offices, none of which remains or appears active. A $25-million hydrogen plant project between North Vancouver's H-Tec and Quebec's Air Liquide hasn't happened. Abbotsford's Cascade Aerospace denied a $27 million deal with Lockheed Martin was related to MVC.

MVC's February 2011 update claimed $168.8 million of investments — of which $146.4 million were one-offs. MVC took credit for luring Mission: Impossible 4 to shoot in Vancouver and Digital Domain's work on Tron and Thor. Digital Domain spokeswoman Julie Miller said the studio couldn't attribute any of its growth to MVC.

Pixar, the Disney digital animation studio, drew Campbell and Mayor Gregor Robertson to the post-Olympic opening of its Gastown office in April 2010. It closed in October 2013.

WAS IT WORTH IT?

So what became of Campbell's $10 billion Olympic boost?

An October 2011 PwC report commissioned by Ottawa and Victoria estimated the Games increased B.C.'s Gross Domestic Product by $2.3 billion from 2003 to 2010. Hosting the Olympics was among many reasons why B.C.'s debt grew $24 billion over the last decade.

Was the Games' $6 billion-plus price tag money well-spent? In early 2011, B.C.'s then-Auditor General John Doyle chose not to conduct a post-Games audit.

Post-Games: The good, bad and ugly of the venues

The Olympic-triggered, $800-million Sea-to-Sky Highway widening made the drive to Whistler faster and smoother. Vancouver International Airport is only 26 minutes from downtown via the $1.9-billion Canada Line. Vancouver Convention Centre was expanded for $880 million to host major international conventions and it has the 2010 Winter Games cauldron as a decoration.

But with Canada's athletes bound for next month's Sochi Olympics getting a street party send-off Jan. 11 in Banff — not Whistler — and a homecoming parade planned for May in Calgary, the 1988 Games host that remains the national winter sports training base, one has to wonder: What's the Vancouver 2010 winter sport legacy?

BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver Olympic Village: $1.1 B

Petitioned to receivership in November 2010, all but 67 of the 1,108 units were sold or rented by November 2013. City of Vancouver is forecasting a $50 million loss, not counting the $171 million developer Millennium was supposed to pay for the land. Dozens of condo owners are going to B.C. Supreme Court April 7 to seek refunds. Canada's Sochi 2014 snowboarding team, including Regina's Mark McMorris and 2010 gold medallist Maelle Ricker of Squamish, was unveiled here on Jan. 3.

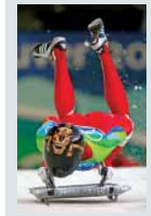
Richmond Olympic Oval: $178 M

Last June's Tough Mudder obstacle race drew 20,000 participants and spectators to Whistler Olympic Park, the biggest Callaghan Valley event since the Games. The two-week Sea-to-Sky Nordic Festival last March served as national championships for the four nordic disciplines, including women's ski jumping. No alpine skiing or snowboarding world cups have returned to the region. Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first home gold medal on Cypress Mountain's freestyle slope, but the Olympic halfpipe was demolished.

Whistler Olympic Park: $122 M

Site of cross-country skiing, biathlon, nordic combined and ski jumping, it drew 20,000 to last June's Tough Mudder obstacle race. The two-week Sea-to-Sky Nordic Festival last March included national championships for women's ski jumping, which debuts at Sochi 2014 after a failed legal battle before Vancouver 2010.

Whistler Sliding Centre: $119 M



As of November, all but 67 of the 1,108 units at the $1.1 billion Village on False Creek had been sold or rented, three years after it was put into receivership over $740 million owed by developer Millennium. City of Vancouver forecast a $50-million loss, not including the $171 million Millennium was supposed to pay for the prime waterfront land. Sixty-eight condo owners, who allege shoddy workmanship, are suing city hall for refunds. A B.C. Supreme Court trial is scheduled to begin April 7.

Elsewhere

Curling is still played at the $85.45 million Hillcrest Centre, but its post-Olympic configuration includes a hockey rink, swimming pools and a library. Cypress Mountain cost $17.6 million to prep for the Games. Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first home gold on its freestyle skiing slope, but the snowboarding halfpipe was demolished after the Games. Ceremonies venue B.C. Place Stadium, renovated for $514 million after the Games, boasts the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and its Olympics gallery.

Luge tragedy remains darkest legacy of 2010

Outside Whistler Sliding Centre's office, a plaque on a bench in memory of luger Nodar Kumaritashvili reads: "In his honour, live life fully and pursue excellence in all that you do." The flag of Georgia is draped above.

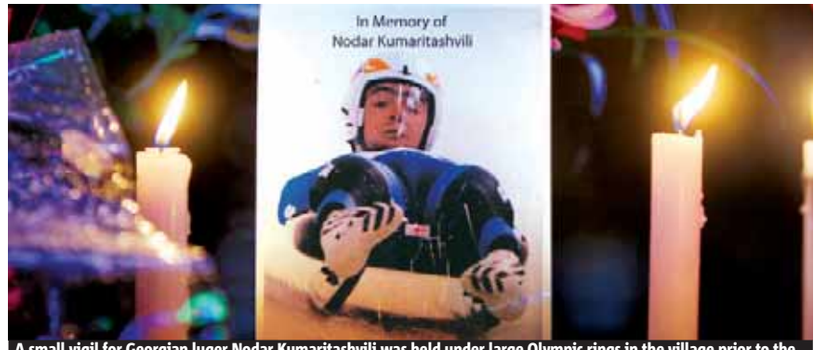
The 21-year-old, from the country next door to Sochi, reached 144.3 km-h during the fateful Feb. 12, 2010 training run, exceeding the track's designed speed. He was catapulted off his out-of-control sled, into an unpadded pole, and pronounced dead an hour later.

Unlike Polish-born-Brit Kazimierz Kay-Skrzypeski at Innsbruck 1964, Kumaritashvili's crash was broadcast and it was on opening day.

In February 2011, CBC's Fifth Estate revealed a March 2009 email by VANOC CEO John Furlong to senior VANOC executives. Architect Udo Gurgel complained the track was not built to his speed specifications.

"An athlete gets badly injured or worse and I think the case could be made we were warned and did nothing," Furlong wrote.

The B.C. Coroner ruled it an accident. A safety audit by Southern Alberta Institute of Technology recommended international luge and bobsled federations improve track design guidance, a maximum safe velocity, rollover barrier design standards, incident analysis, equipment safety and driver/slider competence.



A small vigil for Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was held under large Olympic rings in the village prior to the opening ceremonies in Whistler, B.C., on Feb. 12, 2010. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The men's start was moved down to the women's level the day after the tragedy. A new women's start was built for the 2013 world championships.

The steep Blackcomb slope and narrow footprint helped make Whistler the world's fastest track, one-fifth the width of Salt Lake's 2002 track. The $119 million sliding centre opened in 2008, more than double the Bid Book budget. Did a nearby run-of-river power plant influence the design?

Correspondence between Fitzsimmons Creek power plant builder Ledcor and the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation in 2002 and 2003 indicated the location for the 3.4 km penstock pipe was contentious. Ledcor worried that moving it too close to cliffside would be risky and wanted compensation from VANOC for the added costs. The 2009-installed pipe comes within 10 m of the track. Owner Innergex began operations in January 2010.

SAIT Prof. Alex Zahavich said his audit did not look at "anything relative to the surrounding area." International Luge Federation executive director Svein Romstad was unaware the penstock was a bid-era issue. VANOC construction chief Dan Doyle said it was "resolved without much fuss."

"I do not remember having to change the design of the track because of it," said Doyle, now B.C. Premier Christy Clark's chief of staff.

Online

For more on Metro's 2010 Olympics look back, go to metronews.ca.

With opposing hearts

Olympic booster and opponent ponder Vancouver legacy

Ex-Vancouver Canucks owner Arthur Griffiths was Vancouver Whistler Bid Society's leader when it got Canadian Olympic Committee approval in 1998 to seek the 2010 Games. Scientist and author Chris Shaw was Vancouver's best-known Olympic critic. In separate interviews they look back at Vancouver 2010.

Most important legacy?

Griffiths: "The spirit that Vancouver demonstrated... That our fans, the residents and so on just really stepped up to the plate and made this a fun experience for anybody that watched or attended the Games."

Shaw: "The Government of Canada, acting on behalf of the Olympics, made the possibility of civil dissent a subject for surveillance. For me that was the most shocking revelation, that our society is not as free and democratic."

Was it money well spent?

Griffiths: "Without question...Ultimately Vancouver showed that you can host the Olympics by creating venues that have real long term use and take advantage of the venues that are already here."

Shaw: "I don't think so. Comparing it to the Russians, guess we got a bargain! That $6 billion or whatever the real number turned out to be could clearly have been used for many more beneficial things that would have aided society at large."

Advice for Toronto, host of the 2015 Pan American Games.

Griffiths: "They're spread out over such a vast area. It is a huge, huge undertaking, just more athletes than the Winter Games. I hope they will demonstrate to themselves, they will demonstrate to anybody looking, the IOC and FIFA, that there is an opportunity for Toronto ... to host a future Games or some major sporting event. Toronto is more than equipped for it."

Shaw: "Your city is going to change for that period of time and you will not be able to go about your business the same way because it is for the benefit of the people who run the Games... best advice is to do what a lot of people did in Vancouver: Get out of town... Having said that, if you really want to express your view, go out in the streets with a placard and see how far you get with that and express your displeasure to the powers that be." BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

Cuba

Fidel Castro appears in public

Former Cuban president Fidel Castro has made his first public appearance in nine months, attending the opening of an art studio in the Cuban capital. Castro last appeared in public on April 9, 2013, when he attended the inauguration of a Havana school. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sarajevo

Last shoe shiner passes away

Thousands of Bosnians have signed a petition urging authorities to erect a monument to Sarajevo's last shoe shiner, who died at 83 after charming generations. As if waiting to be cleaned, a pair of old shoes stood Thursday in front of the wooden chair on which Husein Hasani — known as Uncle Misho — usually sat. Citizens laid flowers and lit candles around the chair. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security concerns before Sochi Winter Olympics

Security personnel survey the Olympic Park on Thursday in Alder, Russia, ahead of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, which start on Feb. 6. A series of unexplained killings in southern Russia involving booby-trapped bombs has further heightened security fears. Six men were found shot to death the day before in four cars in an area just north of the Caucasus Mountains region, where an Islamic insurgency is simmering. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

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Pussy Riot sets up prisoners' rights NGO

'A social movement.'
Punk band will still make music, but its focus is on activism

Pussy Riot members Maria Alyokhina, left, and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova in court. ANDREY SVITAILO/METRO IN MOSCOW FILE

The recently freed members of the punk protest group Pussy Riot will be less musical and even more political as they fight for human rights in Russia. Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova have revealed plans to set up a new human rights organization called Zona Prava (Justice Zone), which will focus on protecting prisoners' rights. Alyokhina and Tolokonnikova spoke to Metro about their new project and their thoughts on the Sochi Games.

Q: When will your human rights organization begin to work?
Alyokhina: In late January, our organization Zona Prava will be officially registered. Even before this its website will be set up, and all the information about it will appear across social networks.

Q: What will be the first actions Zona Prava will carry out?
Alyokhina: The very first actions will be directed towards specific people with whom we are connected. They are convicted women who testified before human rights activists about what's going on in the penal colonies. These people are subjected to repression, and we intend first and foremost to legally protect them. The issue is about court cases and grievances made against various departmental and prosecutorial authorities.

Q: The Winter Olympics in Sochi take place next month. Will you boycott them?
Tolokonnikova: Yes, as citizens of Russia, we will boycott the Games. We will also call for all Russian citizens who do not agree with the current government's policy, as well as foreign representatives of different countries and companies to boycott the event.

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The arctic-like conditions that descended on Toronto last week – and at the start of this week – negatively affected many city operations. The TTC was no exception.

Of course, this is Canada, so we do take measures to keep transit moving in winter. On the subway and Scarborough RT, we de-ice the power rail when snow or ice is forecast. We also store subway trains in tunnels overnight to prevent doors and other equipment from freezing. On streetcars, special sliders and cutters are fitted onto the trolley poles to help remove ice from the overhead wires. We also deploy additional response staff to key locations to deal with problems that are bound to arise.

The biggest challenge has been the age of our streetcar fleet and its equipment. Most vehicles are over 30 years old. The specific vulnerability under extreme cold is the pneumatic air lines that provide braking and door operation. Moisture can build in the lines that then freeze, causing the car to be taken out of service.

In response, we supplemented service with buses wherever possible. The prolonged extreme cold temperatures are unusual for Toronto and it has taken its toll on the streetcar fleet. The new streetcars, I am happy to report, will not be as susceptible to the cold as the current fleet is. They begin to enter service over a six-year period starting in August.

Thank you for your patience this week. We may not have always succeeded, and no doubt we left some of you cold and frustrated, but we have done our darndest to keep Toronto moving – and will continue to do so.

SUBWAY SERVICE ALERT - UNION TO ST ANDREW STATIONS JAN. 11-12

The new second platform at Union Station will open this summer.

Scheduled construction for the second platform at Union Station means no subway service between Union and St Andrew stations on Saturday, Jan. 11, and Sunday, Jan. 12.

All trains on the Yonge line will terminate southbound at Union Station. All trains on the University-Spadina line will terminate southbound at St Andrew Station. Customers must use the Yonge subway line to reach Union Station. The 506 Carlton, 505 Dundas, 501 Queen or 504 King streetcars will connect customers between subway lines.

For customers who require accessible transit between Union and St Andrew stations, an accessible Wheel-Trans vehicle will be available. Customers are asked to speak with any uniformed TTC employee at either station.

Regular subway service will resume on Monday, Jan. 13, at 6 a.m.

MAIN STREET STATION ELEVATOR AND YORK MILLS SOUTH-END ESCALATOR TO UNDERGO MAJOR OVERHAULS

Beginning Jan. 12, the elevator at Main Street station will undergo a major overhaul and be out of service until March 23. Customers who require an accessible connection to the Bloor-Danforth line should plan their trip to Broadview, Pape, Victoria Park or Kennedy stations.

The two escalators located at the south end of the TTC's York Mills subway station will be out of service starting today, Jan. 10. for a major overhaul. The escalators are located adjacent to the passenger pick-up area.

Customers can utilize the elevators located at the main entrance to York Mills Station. The escalators are scheduled to be back in service at the end of September.

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- **Toronto Raptors at Air Canada Centre.** Yonge subway line to Union Station.

JAN. 11 - 19:

- **Toronto International Boat Show at Direct Energy Centre.** 511 Bathurst to Exhibition Place. For accessible service, 509 Harbourfront bus to Exhibition Place.

JAN. 12 & 15:

- **Toronto Maple Leafs at Air Canada Centre.** Yonge subway line to Union Station.

SERVICE CHANGES

- **72 Pape/172 Cherry Street** To improve the reliability of service due to construction in the downtown core, the 72 PAPE route has been temporarily split into two separate routes. The 72 PAPE route is operating from Pape Station to Commissioners St. & Cherry St. A new 172 CHERRY STREET route is operating from St Andrew and King stations to Commissioners St. & Cherry St. Customers can transfer between the two routes at Commissioners and Cherry Sts.

For more information on these and other routes, please visit ttc.ca.

SUPPORT PERSONS TRAVELLING WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES NO LONGER PAY A FARE

As of Jan. 1, a support person accompanying a TTC customer with a disability will no longer be required to pay a fare. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act defines a support person as someone who assists a person with a disability with communication, mobility, personal care/medical needs or with access to goods, services or facilities.

A new TTC Support Person Assistance Card is now available that permits one support person to travel with a fare-paying customer with a disability on a single fare. Additional travel companions must pay a fare.

Until March 29, the TTC will permit a support person to travel on a single fare with a paying customer on the honour system. Starting March 30, customers will be required to show a Support Person Assistance Card when accompanied by a support person. Application forms are available on the TTC website and must be certified by a health-care professional.

The TTC will hold several photo ID sessions at select subway stations in early 2014 where eligible customers can submit their application and have their photo taken for a Support Person Assistance Card.

There is no cost for the photo card, but health care providers may charge a fee to certify the application.

Locations, dates and times will be communicated widely when they become available. Customers may also submit an application in person at the Sherbourne Photo ID Centre or Davisville Customer Service Centre. Alternatively, customers may submit their application by mail with two passport photos accompanying their application.

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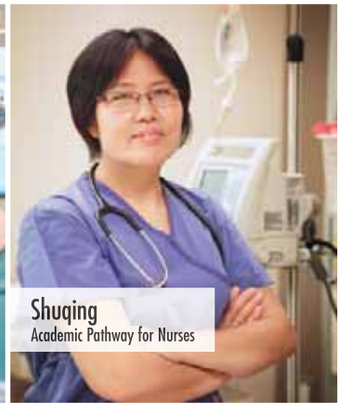

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N.B. train derailment.
Investigators find cracked wheel, broken rail at site

A preliminary investigation into a fiery train derailment in New Brunswick has found a cracked wheel and broken rail at the site but it's too early to say what caused the train to leave the tracks, a senior investigator with the Transportation Safety Board said Thursday.

Guy Laporte said he has had limited access to the scene of the wreckage because of a fire that has been burning since Tuesday night. The CN freight train was carrying crude oil and liquefied petroleum gas when it derailed in Wapske.

CN spokesman Jim Feeny said the company believes a wheel and axle failure was the cause of the derailment based on its preliminary investigation, but Laporte said it's premature to determine that.

Derailed train cars burn near Plaster Rock, N.B., on Wednesday.
TOM BATEMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It is too early to say what the cause is and contributing factors of this accident might be," Laporte told a news conference Thursday in the village of Plaster Rock, near the derailment site.

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N.J. governor apologizes to mayor for his staff's 'stupidity'

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, second left, arrives at Fort Lee, N.J., where he travelled to apologize in person to Mayor Mark Sokolich. Moving quickly to contain a widening political scandal, Christie fired one of his top aides Thursday and apologized repeatedly for the "abject stupidity" of his staff, insisting he had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams to get even with a Democratic mayor. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Too big to fail? Over $1.7B already spent on Cyclone helicopter purchase plan

More than $1.7 billion has already been spent on the elusive effort to upgrade Canada's helicopter fleet, internal documents show, providing a clue as to why the Harper government is sticking with the troubled program.

In the aftermath of an independent report last fall on the beleaguered plan to buy the CH-148 Cyclone choppers as replacements for Canada's aging Sea King fleet, the government acknowledged it was looking at other aircraft, even going so far as to meet with other manufacturers.

Documents show the money went towards "acquisition progress payments" and "in-service support set-up." The nearly decade-long program has delivered just four test helicopters that National Defence has refused to formally accept.

Cancelling the program was clearly not an option, say critics who accuse the Conservatives of perpetrating a charade with its consultations last fall.

"It would have been a bigger blow to them, to their base, than the F-35 situation," said NDP defence critic Jack Harris.

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Experts say Wright could be let off hook

Senate expense scandal. RCMP's focus on criminal charges could help PM's former chief of staff avoid legal consequences

Nigel Wright could avoid facing legal consequences for his central role in the Senate expense scandal if the RCMP remains focused strictly on possible criminal offences, parliamentary law experts say.

They believe the surest route for prosecutors against Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff is an obscure section of the Parliament of Canada Act.

But so far, the Mounties do not appear to be considering it.

Documents filed in court show the RCMP is intent on proving Wright, along with Sen. Mike Duffy, is guilty of bribery, fraud and breach of trust, as spelled out in the Criminal Code. Wright personally gave Duffy $90,000 so that the senator could pay back disputed living expense claims.

For Rob Walsh, former law clerk for the House of Commons, the Wright-Duffy transaction appears on its face to be a clear violation of Sec. 16 of the Parliament of Canada Act.

Walsh said he believes it would be easier to secure a conviction under the act than under any of the Criminal Code provisions cited thus far by the RCMP. Indeed, he doubts criminal charges could be made to stick in relation to the Wright-Duffy deal.

"The evidentiary burden I think is less (under the act) and, to that extent, it ought to be an easier task to prosecute," Walsh said in an interview. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sec. 16

The act specifies that no senator shall receive "any compensation, directly or indirectly," for services rendered in relation to any bill, contract, controversy, accusation or other matter before the Senate, House or any committee.

- The act further stipulates that it is an "indictable offence" to offer compensation to a senator, punishable by up to one year imprisonment and a fine of $500 to $2,000.

Firebomb attack

Fate of 2 Canadians held in Mexico still unclear

Two Canadian women detained in Mexico City in connection with a firebomb attack are still waiting to learn if they will face criminal charges or be set free.

Mexican officials say authorities are currently considering the firebombing an act of vandalism, but that the ongoing investigation could lead to serious criminal charges against the Canadians.

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U.S. national security

Obama weighing options on NSA's phone program

U.S. President Barack Obama is still grappling with key decisions on the future of the National Security Agency's phone collection program, lawmakers said Thursday.

Obama is expected to back tighter restrictions on foreign leader spying and is considering stripping the NSA of its ability to store telephone records from millions of Americans.

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Can older firefighters still take the heat?

Older firefighters near the end of their careers might think they can deal with heat, but a new study suggests otherwise.

The Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene published a report on the effects of heat stress on firefighters and non-firefighters.

One might assume that seasoned blaze-battlers are biologically better adapted to hot habitats than the average Joe, so Glen P. Kenny tested that theory.

The professor at the School of Human Kinetics at the University of Ottawa studied two groups of 51-year-olds: one group of firefighters and another group of equally physically fit non-firefighters.

He led both groups through intensive exercises while exposed to heat and he measured their physiological responses, including core temperatures.

The results surprised him.

"Firefighters and non-firefighters have the same thermal and cardiovascular response (to heat)," said Kenny. "The only difference is their perceived level of physical strain."

So while seasoned firefighters may think they can take the heat, their physiological responses do not differ from others their age.

Kenny said his findings mean there needs to be better industry guidelines for aging employees who work in the heat, not just firefighters, but construction and road workers. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Cyberbullying can ruin — or end — lives, campaign says

Stop Hating Online.
MacKay and Rehtaeh Parsons's father stress mindfulness at launch

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

A crowd of more than 100 students listened quietly as Glen Canning talked about how much damage sharing a private photo can have on someone's life during the launch of a new anti-cyberbullying campaign on Thursday.

Canning spoke at Halifax's Fairview Junior High School alongside Justice Minister Peter MacKay, who said the point of the awareness campaign is for parents and children to know when cyberbullying crosses into illegal territory with the distribution of intimate pictures.

"Please stop and just think about it. Think about how hurtful and harmful that could be," said Canning, father of Rehtaeh Parsons.

Parsons died after taking her own life last April, following what her parents say was months of bullying after an explicit photo was spread around her school.

"You could really end somebody's life," Canning said.

The campaign, Stop Hating Online, will appear around the country in a new commercial, which shows teens sharing a private photo via cellphone before a police officer places them under arrest.

MacKay said it's important to get the message across to kids that sharing intimate photos isn't just wrong, but could change their own lives forever by putting them in jail.

Ever-present

"It's extreme. It doesn't end. It's everywhere."
Fairview Junior High School student Amanda Jamieson, 14, on cyberbullying.

While some have criticized the proposed federal law on distributing images without consent by saying it gives police too much power, MacKay said it's important to modernize the Criminal Code.

He said police would go through a judge to obtain a warrant to search online messages and records, so there are safeguards in place.

"Given the very real and devastating effects of cyberbullying, we have to do something and we have to do it quickly," MacKay said.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay arrives with his wife Nazanin Afshin-Jam and son Kian at Fairview Junior High School in Halifax on Thursday. MacKay announced a national campaign to stop cyberbullying. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cop's eye view. London police force trying out vest-mounted cameras

London's police force said Thursday it was rolling out vest-mounted video cameras to some of the capital's 2,300 firearms officers, hoping to help build public confidence after a contentious inquest verdict on a fatal shooting.

The announcement came a day after an inquest jury largely vindicated police officers over the fatal shooting of 29-year-old Mark Duggan, whose death triggered rioting across England more than two years ago.

The case, and its contested conclusion, raised familiar questions about whether armed police are too quick to shoot, and whether they can be held accountable if they are.

Speaking late Wednesday, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Bernard Hogan-Howe said the camera experiment was an attempt to improve transparency and restore public trust in the force. It would allow jurors and judges literally to see events from an officer's perspective.

A police spokesman said Thursday that armed officers will begin wearing recording devices April 1. The number of officers set to wear the cameras has yet to be decided. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On trial

Police forces across the world have been experimenting with portable cameras as tools for crime-fighting and accountability.

- Cameras mounted on glasses, helmets, or vests are being trialed or distributed in the U.S.

Big Ben and a police officer at the gates to Westminster palace seen reflected in a puddle in London, Thursday. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China's one-child policy

Too many children earn film director $1.2M in fines

Famed film director Zhang Yimou must pay more than $1.2 million US in fines for having three children in violation of China's strict family planning rules, officials in the eastern city of Wuxi said.

Investigators concluded that the director of Hero and House of Flying Daggers and his wife, Chen Ting, flouted family planning policies by having the children without approval and before they got married in 2011.

The fines are based in part on the couple's annual income of about $580,000 in the years before the children were born. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials have hissy fit

Preacher escapes charges but loses his 53 snakes

A preacher who used poisonous snakes in his religious practices won't face criminal charges. But he won't get back the 53 serpents wildlife officials seized from his Tabernacle Church of God.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency said it makes no difference that a grand jury declined to indict Andrew Hamblin on Wednesday: the snakes are contraband.

In the fall, Hamblin appeared on the National Geographic Channel's reality show Snake Salvation dancing while holding rattlesnakes and copperheads.

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Grandma? Mom? Woman carrying daughter's child

Baby girl is due in early February. Both mother and daughter say they've bonded over the experience

A 58-year-old U.S. woman is set to give birth in a few weeks... to her first grandchild. Julia Navarro is serving as a gestational surrogate for her daughter and son-in-law after the couple struggled with fertility problems.

Navarro's daughter Lorena McKinnon said she began trying to have a baby with her husband, Micah McKinnon, three years ago. The 32-year-old, from Provo, Utah, said she's had about a dozen miscarriages, with the longest pregnancy lasting 10 weeks.

After several tries, the couple began looking for a surrogate. McKinnon said a friend and sister both considered carrying her baby, but ultimately decided against it.

That's when her mother offered to step in. "As a family, we have to help each other," Navarro said.

Navarro had to undergo hormone shots for three months before an embryo fertilized by her daughter and son-in-law could be implanted. Because of her age, doctors had warned there was only a 45 per cent chance the implantation would be successful.

But the procedure was a success, and Navarro said she's had a smooth pregnancy carrying a developing baby girl.

As with other surrogacy arrangements, the couple and Navarro needed three months of counselling.

"The psychologists wanted to make sure we knew what we were getting into, that we were mentally prepared," McKinnon said. "Mostly, surrogacy contracts are with people you don't know. It was weird to have a contract with my mom."

McKinnon said she was grateful and overwhelmed by her mother's offer, which eases some of the obstacles and financial burdens for parents using a gestational surrogate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julia Navarro hugs her daughter Lorena McKinnon in Provo, Utah, in this undated photo. McKinnon has not been able to bring a baby to term so her 58-year-old mother is having the baby for her. They are about eight months into the pregnancy. AL HARTMANN-THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surrogates

It's unclear how rare it is for a woman to carry her own grandchild, but recent news reports have detailed similar relationships.

- Last year, a 53-year-old Iowa woman gave birth to her twin granddaughters. And in 2012, a 49-year-old woman in Maine gave birth to her grandson.
- According to Utah law, surrogates must be 21 or older, financially stable and must have already given birth once.
- Couples must be married and are allowed to offer a reasonable payment to a surrogate.
- On average, a couple can spend about $60,000 US on procedures and paying the surrogate

Rodman apologizes for comments

Dennis Rodman apologized Thursday for comments he made in North Korea about a detained American missionary, saying he had been drinking and was under pressure as he organized a game with former NBA players.

The former basketball star issued the apology through publicist Jules Feiler in an email message a day after he sang Happy Birthday to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the start of the friendly game.

Rodman has been slammed for not using his influence with Kim to help free Kenneth Bae, the missionary who is being confined in North Korea for "anti-state" crimes. In an interview with CNN on Tuesday, Rodman implied Bae was at fault.

"I want to apologize," Rodman said Thursday. "I take full responsibility for my actions. It had been a very stressful day. Some of my teammates were leaving because of pressure from their families and business associates. My dreams of basketball diplomacy was quickly falling apart. I had been drinking. It's not an excuse but by the time the interview happened I was upset."

Rodman said he wanted to apologize first to Bae's family. "I'm very sorry. At this point I should know better than to make political statements." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I was overwhelmed. It's not an excuse, it's just the truth." Dennis Rodman

Dennis Rodman in Pyongyang on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Page turner. French Senate tries to give independent bookstores fairy tale ending

A new bill wants online companies like Amazon to stop free delivery in France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

If the French Senate gets its way, retail giant Amazon and its online peers won't be able to offer free book deliveries in France anymore.

In an unusual show of unity Thursday, the upper house of parliament unanimously approved a bill that would amend a 33-year-old law regulating book prices, and help struggling independent book sellers, which have faced tough competition from cost-cutting online vendors in the digital age.

The bill would allow online vendors like U.S.-based Amazon to cut the regular delivery price by up to five per cent, but not provide free delivery.

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Food giants have slim-down success

Beat resolution. Companies used classic diet methods — portion control and calorie reduction — to pare down calories in products

Some of the largest food companies in the U.S. have cut daily calorie counts by an average of 78 per person, a new study says, more than four times the amount the industry pledged to slash by next year.

The study, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, found that between 2007 and 2012, the estimated total cut in food product calories from a group of 16 major food companies was in the range of 6.4 trillion.

Seventy-eight calories would be about the same as an average cookie or a medium apple, and the federal government estimates an average daily diet at around 2,000 calories.

The study said the calories cut averaged out to 78 calories per day for the entire U.S. population. The 2010 pledge taken by the companies — including General Mills Inc., Campbell Soup Co., ConAgra Foods Inc., Kraft Foods Inc., Kellogg Co., Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Hershey Co. — was to cut one trillion calories by 2012 and 1.5 trillion calories by 2015. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation signed on to hold the companies accountable, and that group hired researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to painstakingly count the calories in almost every single packaged item in the grocery store.

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Can see results

Evidence of the efforts by some of the largest food companies in the U.S. are visible on any grocery store shelf. These days shelves routinely feature smaller servings, such as 100-calorie packs of popular snacks and smaller cans of sugary drinks.

Those are some svelte-looking soup cans. Some major U.S. food companies successfully reduced calories in recent years. J. DAVID AKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HASHTAGS, JELLY AND THE GREEN LADY

THE METRO LIST

Neil Morton
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1 Hockey Canada. The team announced their men's roster live on TV and Twitter, and the hashtag #TeamCanada blew up with people chirping on who made the team and who didn't. After all, what's more important than the Olympic Men's Hockey team? Nothing. Biggest question mark: Why didn't Martin St. Louis make the team?

2 Hatching Twitter. This excellent new book by Nick Bilton tells the story of how Twitter came to be. It talks about the drama between the founders as the revolutionary social media platform was built and became the biggest thing since... well, Facebook. The book also explains that constant "Fail Whale" that used to plague the site.

3 Dragons' Den auditions. The 2014 Audition Tour for the hit show begins Jan. 18 in Toronto before heading coast to coast over the next few months to accept pitches from would-be entrepreneurs. My pitch this year will be a solar vortex line of clothing to combat Canadian weather such as blizzards and ice storms.

4 Tweet-a-Coffee. Starbucks Canada announced an e-gifting program, Tweet-a-Coffee, allowing customers to send $5 gift cards through Twitter by going to Starbucks.ca. Customers can redeem it at stores by showing it directly on their mobile device. Great idea. Now when are we going to see Tweet-a-Double-Double from Tim Hortons?

5 Toronto Raptors. Ever since they traded their star player Rudy Gay in December, they have done everything but tank. In fact, they have become the talk of the NBA with their young, exciting nucleus of Terrence Ross, Kyle Lowry, Amir Johnson, Jonas Valanciunas and DeMar DeRozan. Playoff team? Slam dunk. This team is for real.

6 #WeAreWinter. The Canadian Olympic Committee announced a We Are Winter-marketing campaign including a social media partnership with Twitter to use the hashtag #WeAreWinter. It is meant to denote Canadian Olympians can handle this winter stuff: It's at the heart of our identity. We'll prove it for sure when the Games begin Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia. Until then, chill out.

7 Jelly. Twitter founder Biz Stone launched his startup Jelly, an app that lets you ask questions, push them out to your network and get rapid responses. Jelly puts a heavy emphasis on visuals, encouraging users to post photos and ask questions about what they're seeing. This could become the world's biggest and longest visual Q & A ever.

8 Juan Pablo. The new season of The Bachelor debuted this week with 27 suitors for hunky Latino star Juan Pablo, whose name quickly went trending on social media. Thousands of guys are now secretly hoping their partner refers to them as "my Juan Pablo."

9 SNL. Mark Jan. 18 on your calendar as Canadian hip-hop star Drake will have double duty that night, being host and musical guest of SNL. That show also marks the debut of the show's new cast member Sasheer Zamata, the first female African-American cast member since Maya Rudolph's departure in 2007. This will be a special night.

10 The Green Lady. One of the oddest police releases ever went out this week. Someone stole a six-foot tall, 600-pound green avatar mannequin wearing a $300 black fur coat from the front porch of a fashion store called Tragically Hipp in downtown Lakefield, Ont. She was known as The Green Lady. The Tragically Hip should write a song about her.

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Meanwhile, in Australia ...

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Record heat wave Down Under

Heat-stressed baby flying foxes are lined up ready to feed at the Australia Bat Clinic near the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia. Bats are dropping from trees, kangaroos are collapsing in the Outback and gardens are turning brown. While North America freezes under record polar temperatures, the southern hemisphere is experiencing the opposite extreme as heat records are set in Australia after the hottest year ever.

Weather forecasters said some parts of the sparsely populated Pilbara region along the rugged northwest coast approached 50 C on Thursday.

The late arrival of the monsoon in northern Australia, which has a cooling effect, is contributing to the searing heat, said the manager of climate monitoring at Australia's Bureau of Meteorology. Global warming also plays a role, he said.

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By the numbers

50K

At least 50,000 bats have been killed by the heat in the state's southeast, said Louise Saunders, president of the Queensland animal welfare group Bat Conservation and Rescue. Heat-stressed bats cling to trees and urinate on themselves in a bid to reduce their body temperatures, she said. "As they succumb, they just fall in heaps at the base of trees ... you can have 250 or more. It's like dripping chocolate, all dying at the base of trees."

Clickbait

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TVs boasting screens swollen to silly sizes have stolen the Consumer Electronics Show spotlight this week. But in the end, they're just TVs. Very, very expensive TVs. Nuts to that. We want gadgets! Here are three CES gizmos with crowdsourcing campaigns you can jump into.

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PrioVR:

Many gamers have been lusting for Oculus Rift, a virtual reality gaming system that boasts, among other things, a mortality-teasing guillotine simulator. PrioVR, pretty much a full-body VR Power Glove hosting an array of sensors capable of real-time motion capture, may be destined to turn this nascent VR lust into love. (priovr.com)

Touch Jet:

Sure, a small projector that attaches to your mobile device so you can display your images on a wall is pretty cool. But a device that projects a working touch-screen on a wall? That's some science-fiction that fits snugly in your pocket. The company behind it is planning to launch an Indiegogo campaign in February. (atouchjet.com)

Solar Cool:

We're willing to bet you've audibly wished for a solar-powered beverage cooler on some hot day, even if that probably seems like a distant memory this winter. Well, here it is: capable of holding up to 114 cans, this device promises to capture the heat of the sun and convert it to pleasant, drinkable refreshment. (solarcooltech.com)

Comments

RE: Danish Cinnamon Rolls Too Spicy for EU Rules, published online Wednesday, Jan. 9

EU = ultimate nanny state.
Myworkisdonehere, posted to metronews.ca

I'm glad they still have time for issues like this, we wouldn't want them to solve the financial crisis that has plunged Southern Europe into a depression. There is a theory that says having a large proportion of young men in a society make it more warlike. Perhaps having a large proportion of seniors makes a society cautious to the point of inaction.
BugsBunny, posted to metronews.ca

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Synopsis

The Reel Guys are hardy Canadians, but with the sub-zero weather we've been having lately even the most robust Canuck deserves a snow day. With that in mind, the Reel Guys have put away their long underwear, ear muffs and dignity and decided to stay home. At the risk of earning ridicule from our friends in Saskatchewan and other places where it regularly gets frigid, here are our ideas for movies to take your mind off the deep freeze. Close the drapes, turn up the heat and enjoy...

Put on Blue Crush and pretend you're in Hawaii. HANDOUT

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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Movies to forget the snow. The Reel Guys chat about the films that get them hot

Richard: Spring Breakers was shot in St. Petersburg, Florida, so expect lots of beach shots, beautiful sunsets and a young cast — featuring Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Benson and Rachel Korine— stripped down to clothing that would cause instant frost bite for those us of living in the Great White North these days. The story of the illegal way they try to make money for spring break plays more like a wild music video than traditional film, but there's no denying the heat that comes off the screen.

Mark: Heat is right! I thought I was going through male menopause watching the movie. Another way to bring some cinematic heat into this cold hard winter is by watching as many surfing movies as possible. There are the documentaries, to be sure, but, wet suits replace bikinis ... not good! I like movies like Blue Crush, Soul Surfer, and my all-time favourite, Point Break, which mixes surfing, bank robbery, and acid cults with Keanu Reeves at the helm. Marvellous!

RC: Surfing movies were never really my thing, but in the goofy Surf's Up there's animated penguins, goofy sidekicks, loads of poop jokes and Zooey Deschanel but it's a cut above the rest. On another note, not since Meatballs has a movie captured the silliness of summer camp. Wet Hot American Summer was shot in a cold Pennsylvania spring — you can even see the actor's breath sometimes — but it's still plenty steamy. The all-star millennial comedy cast features Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler and Bradley Cooper in a Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh story about the last wild day of camp.

MB: Summer camp? I'm with you on the Canadian classic Meatballs, with the great Bill Murray. But there's another counter-intuitive way to go here, Richard. And that is to watch movies that depict a world so hot, you'll be wishing for some refreshing snowflakes. Just put on the great Lawrence of Arabia. You'll want to make a snowman by the second hour. Or Gus Van Sant's Gerry or Antonioni's Zabriskie Point, both of which take place in literal and existential deserts. Dune would probably work too, although I've never met anyone who could watch it all the way through.

RC: Talk about flipping from one extreme to the other. I'll stick with a more moderate climate for my last pick. Under the Tuscan Sun is a hot love story starring Diane Lane set in moderate, but enjoyable temperatures.

MB: A lovely movie. But let's not forget the old standby: The Yule Log, burning brightly on DVD. Not much of a cast, the acting is wooden, but the dialogue crackles!

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Action/Biography

Lone Survivor

Director. Peter Berg

Stars. Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch

Lone Survivor is further proof that war is hell. Based on a failed real-life SEAL Team 10's Afghanistan mission to locate and eliminate a Taliban leader — the movie's title is a spoiler. The operation goes wrong almost as soon as the team — Marcus (Mark Wahlberg), Michael (Taylor Kitsch), Danny (Emile Hirsch) and Matthew (Ben Foster) — touch ground in the Kush Mountains. Not since Saving Private Ryan has a battle scene been so effectively rendered but it isn't a propaganda film: it's a stark reminder of the camaraderie of soldiers. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama/Comedy

Her

Director. Spike Jonze

Stars. Joaquin Phoenix

Writer-director Spike Jonze's latest oddball offering is an emotionally sophisticated, Sci-Fi tinted love story hiding in an absurdist fantasy skin. In it, Joaquin Phoenix plays a professional letter writer who falls madly in love with his sentient, sensual operating system (voiced gloriously by Scarlett Johansson) with surprising, surreal results. Her is like a mad amalgam of Ray Bradbury's I Sing The Body Electric smashed up against Demon Seed anchored by sly satire and an unforgettable, career best turn by Phoenix. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

Drama

Gabrielle

Director. Louise Archambault

Stars. Gabrielle Marion-Rivard, Alexandre Landry

Canada's entry for the Best Foreign Film at this year's Oscars, Gabrielle is the touching story of the title character (Gabrielle Marion-Rivard), a young woman with developmental disabilities who falls in love with Martin (Alexandre Landry), a singer in her choir. Unfortunately his mother doesn't approve and pulls Martin from the group in an attempt to end their relationship. In return Gabrielle takes control of her life for the first time. This thought provoking French language film is a tender tearjerker, but undeniably soul-stirring. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Felicity Jones swears she'll do a rom-com

The Invisible Woman. Actress known for bittersweet love tales doesn't want to make everyone sad

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The Invisible Woman opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

British actress Felicity Jones is getting pretty familiar with the downsides of love, from playing half of a doomed long-distance relationship in Like Crazy to a 1920s bride locked in her bedroom alone with her cold feet in Cheerful Weather for the Wedding. With The Invisible Woman, she takes on Nelly Ternan, the muse and mistress of Charles Dickens (director and co-star Ralph Fiennes). But Jones swears she has a romantic comedy in her somewhere.

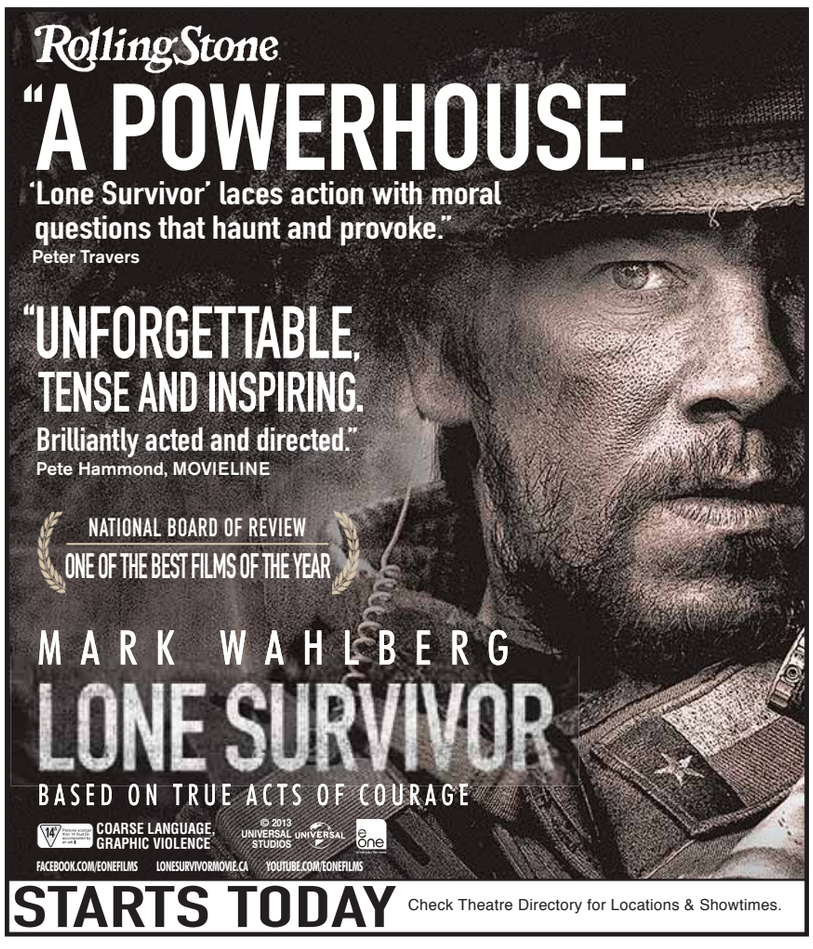
It's remarkable how little Dickens and Ternan had to do to cause a scandal in the Victorian Era.
Yes, it was a very different social situation from the one we're in now. Particularly for Nelly, I felt there was a real conflict in her between her love for Dickens and wanting to be with him and not wanting to lose her social standing. She cared deeply about having her dignity, and her identity was rooted in a certain respectability. I think Nelly would have loved for Dickens to have married her and left his wife, but obviously because he'd built up this sort of reputation as "the family man," that would have been completely contrary to his brand, so they were in a very difficult situation.

How does the dynamic change when your co-star is also directing you?
There's always an honesty between actors, I find, that you immediately develop because your characters are having to get on. You have an affinity for each other. And so that extended to the direction. Ralph was really honest with me, you know? He'd come up and say, "That was really bad. Can you do that again?" And I trusted his judgment.

Did you ever get to say that to him?
Yes, I would. "Ralph, it was much better, the last one." Next film, I'll be directing him. He can be my mistress.

How does the approach to something like this compare to something as improvised and naturalistic as Like Crazy?
Completely different. With Invisible Woman, once we were on set we hardly changed a line of dialogue, which is not really what I'm used to, so it was a very different process. I appreciate both. Invisible Woman is a story told very much through the single, still, wide shot rather than the moving Steadicam. It's a very different tone of film. And I like working with filmmakers who are pushing themselves and taking a risk.

They're both such great, sad examinations of relationships.
I promise I'm going to make a romantic comedy at some point. I don't mean to make audiences sad.



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Cube and Hart buddy up in new comedy

Ride Along. Actors talk about trying to make a movie in the spirit of 48 Hours

It takes a certain amount of confidence and bravado to wade into the buddy-cop genre with a brand new entry, and luckily no one's ever accused Ice Cube and Kevin Hart of lacking confidence. Here's what they had to say about what it took to pull off their new comedy, Ride Along.

Ice Cube on how to approach a "buddy-cop" movie:
The goal for Ride Along was to "be true to the characters and the script, but also try to find a niche that makes us unique. People have seen buddy comedies since movies began, even before that probably. There are some great ones, and they're great for a reason: because they make their own niche and their own mark on the genre. That's what we wanted to do. We want it to be 48 Hours for this new generation who don't know who the hell Nick Nolte is.

Kevin Hart on being careful to not make his character too annoying:
You have to have someone there who can dial you back, and Cube coming in as an actor, a producer, a guy who was really in front of and behind the scenes on this film, he wasn't shy with collaboration and suggestions. When you're protected and everybody knows to pull you back when you're going too far, it just helps for not only a great rapport but for building trust.

Ice Cube on how annoying Kevin Hart actually is:
Kevin is not annoying at all just as himself, but he plays that mosquito very well. He knows how to go there and make it feel honest and true, and that's cool because if you don't stay in your lane on these movies, they can kind of cancel each other out. I'm not trying to be funny and he's not trying to say, 'OK, here's my scene where I can be Dirty Harry.' I trust that he's going to come up with the funny lines, he's going to have the funny ad-libs. And he trusts me to sustain the setup and try to milk it as long as we can before it falls apart.

Ice Cube on having an "I guess it was a good day" reference worked into the film:
Tim Story or the writers (thought of that). For some reason, in most of my movies I'm saying something that has to do with a record I've done. In Torque, I drove right by the police and they were like, 'Say f— the police right as you drive by.' I just did some stuff with 22 Jump Street where they wanted me to say one of my lines. It's cool. I don't mind. Only if it works for what we're doing, if it adds up to a wink-wink to the audience."

Kevin Hart on the joys of filming in Atlanta:
I loved Atlanta. I can't say why I had a good time because I don't want this to come out misconstrued. But I love Atlanta for a lot of reasons. I'm in a relationship and I love my lady. I just want to... clear that up. (laughs) I'll leave it there.

Quoted

"For some reason, in most of my movies I'm saying something that has to do with a record I've done."

Ice Cube on directors asking him to quote lines from his songs in movies

Ice Cube stars in Ride Along, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

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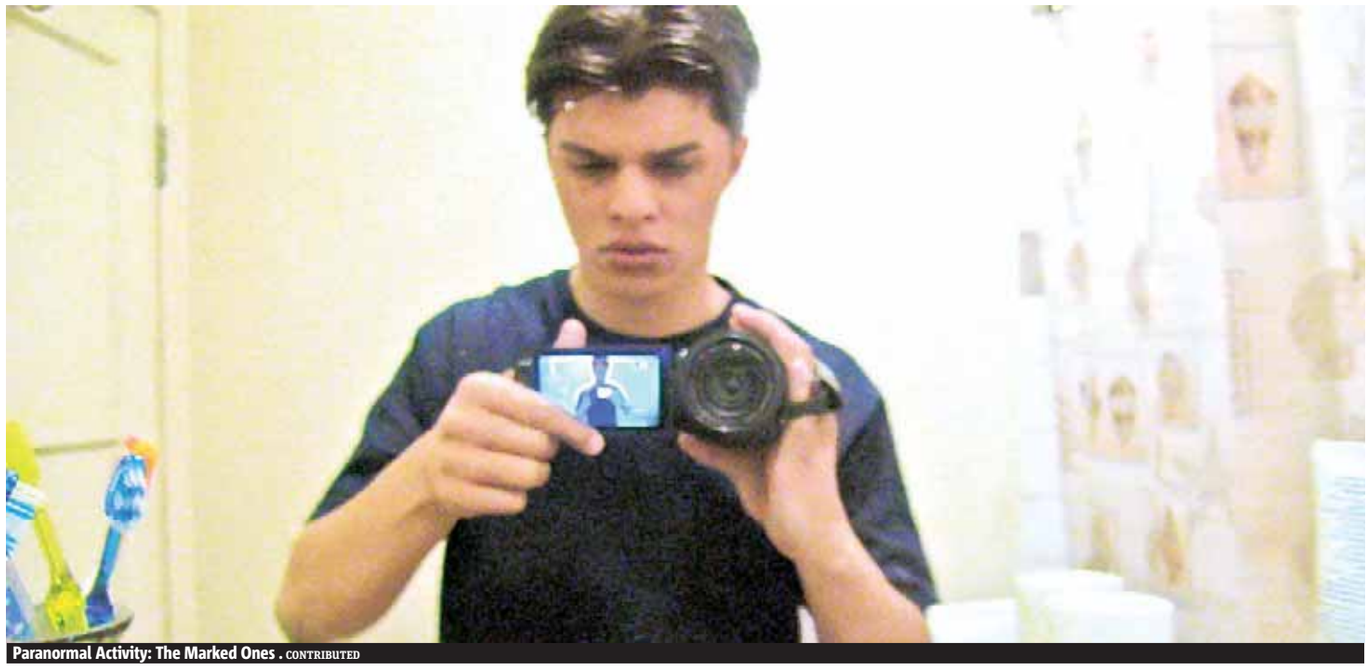

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LIFT Film Round Up 2013 (STC) Sun 6
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12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:45-9:30
47 Ronin (PG) Fri-Sat 4:15-9:20 Sun 4:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-9:20
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:20-7-9:45 Thu 1:45-4:20
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-6:40
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:55-9:35
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-8:10
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-8
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:45-9:25
Nebraska (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10-9:40
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4-7:05-9:15
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sat 1:25-6:50 Sun 1:25 Mon-Thu 1:25-6:50
Shorts That Are Not Pants (STC) Thu 7
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Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond St.

47 Ronin 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:20-7-9:40
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Grudge Match (14A) Fri 8:10-10:45 Sat-Sun 3:05-5:35-8:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45
Her (14A) Fri 1:10-4-7:20-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:25-1:10-4-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:10-1:50-4-7:20-10:10
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80 Front St.

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Revue Cinema
400 Roncesvalles Ave.

About Time (14A) Wed-Thu 9:15
The Book Thief (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4-7 Mon 6:45 Tue 9:30 Wed-Thu 6:45
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 1-9:30 Mon 9:15 Tue 6:30

The Royal
608 College St.

Babe (PG) Sun 2
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Ip Man: The Final Fight (STC) Wed 7
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Mt. Pleasant Theatre
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Blue Jasmine (14A) Fri 9:35 Sat 4:15-9:35 Sun 4:30 Wed 7
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri-Sat 6:45 Sun 7 Tue 7 Thu 7
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Regent Theatre
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Muscle Shoals (PG) Fri 9:05 Sat 4:30-9:05 Sun 7 Tue 7
Night Train to Lisbon (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Wed-Thu 7
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Yonge-Eglinton Centre
2300 Yonge St.

47 Ronin 3D (PG) Fri 10:25 Sat 10:45 Sun 10:05 Mon-Thu 9
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Frozen 3D (G) Fri 4:05-7:25 Sat 1:25-4:05-7:25 Sun-Thu 4:30-7:15
Grudge Match (14A) Fri-Sat 10 Sun-Thu 9:50
Her (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:25 Sun-Tue 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Wed 4:05-7:05-10:05 Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7:05-10:50 Sun-Thu 12-3:35-7:10-10:45
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sat 12:25-3:40-6:55-10:15 Sun-Thu 12:10-3:25-6:45-10
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri 12:15-2:55-5:35-8:20-11 Sat 2:55-5:35-8:20-11 Sun-Thu 12:25-3-5:35-8:10-10:45
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (STC) No Passes Thu 9:40
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri 1:50-4:45-7:45-10:40 Sat 11-1:50-4:45-7:45-10:40 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:25 Mon 1:20-4:20-7:35-10:25 Tue-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:25 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:35-10:25
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Philomena (PG) Fri 12-3:55-6:40-9:10 Sat 3:55-6:40-9:10 Sun 4-6:35-9:30 Mon 12:15-4-9:30 Tue 12:15-4-6:35-9:30 Wed 12:15-4-9:30 Thu 12:15-4
Puss in Boots (G) Sat 11
Ride Along (14A) No Passes Thu 9:45
Saving Mr. Banks (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:50 Sun-Mon 1-3:55-6:50-9:45 Tue-Wed 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:50
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri 2-4:55-7:50-10:35 Sat 11:15-2-4:55-7:50-10:35 Sun-Wed 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Thu 1:25-4:15-7
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The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:15
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:50-9:30
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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:20-8

Kingsway Theatre
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The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-9:35
Muscle Shoals (PG) Fri-Thu 7:35
Nebraska (PG) Fri-Thu 5:55
Nicky's Family (PG) Fri-Thu 12-5:45
Night Train to Lisbon (14A) Fri-Thu 3:40
Philomena (PG) Fri-Thu 12-7:55
Rush (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-9:35

Humber Cinema
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American Hustle (14A) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:40 Sun 12:30-3:25-6:45-9:40 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:40
Frozen (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:45-7 Mon 1-7 Tue 1-3:45-7 Wed-Thu 3:45-7
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Tue 12-3:10-6:30-9:50 Wed-Thu 3:10-6:30-9:50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun 9:25 Mon-Thu 9:30
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Tue 12:20-4:15-8 Wed-Thu 4:15-8

Beach Cinemas
1651 Queen St. E.

American Hustle (14A) Fri 4-7:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:10
August: Osage County (14A) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Frozen (G) Fri 3:15-6:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 3:30-7-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 7-10:30
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:20
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 4:15-8 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 8

Fox Theatre
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All Is Lost (PG) Wed 9:15 Thu 7
The Book Thief (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4-7 Mon 6:45 Tue 9:30 Wed 6:45 Thu 9:15
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 1-9:30 Sun 1-9:15 Mon 9:15 Tue 6:45

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August: Osage County (14A) Fri 4-7-10 Sat 1-4-7-10 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40
Frozen (G) Sat-Sun 12:15
Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Thu 3:55-6:50
Her (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 3:40-7:10-10:20 Sat 12-3:40-7:10-10:20 Sun 12-3:30-7:05-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:05-10:15
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:45 Sat 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:45 Sun 1-3:50-6:20-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20-9:15
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (STC) No Passes Thu 10:50
Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (14A) Fri 3:35-6:55-10:10 Sat 12:20-3:35-6:55-10:10 Sun 12:20-3:35-6:55-10 Mon-Tue 3:35-6:55-10 Wed 3:35-10 Thu 3:35
Nebraska (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:20
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14A) Fri-Sat 10:15 Sun-Thu 9:45
Saving Mr. Banks (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:50 Sat 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:50 Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:45-9:50 Thu 3:45-6:45
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 5:40-9:40 Sat 1:40-5:40-9:40 Sun 1:40-5:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:30

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Grudge Match (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 10:10 Sun 8:55 Mon-Thu 9:20
Her (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7-10:30 Sun 12-3:30-7 Mon-Thu 2:15-6:30-10
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-3:25-6:45-10:05 Sun 12:10-3:25-6:45 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:05-10:15
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
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An Affair to Remember (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7
American Hustle (14A) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:55-7-10:10 Sun 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:40 Mon-Tue 12:25-3:25-6:30-9:40 Wed 4:05-7:15-10:15 Thu 12:25-3:25-6:30-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 1:10-3:45-7:15-10:40 Sat 12:20-3:45-7:15-10:40 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:45-10:10
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The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 1:40-3:10-6:50-10:30 Sat 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:10-2:40-6:20-10

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Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:15-7
Girl, Boy, Bakla, Tomboy (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Grudge Match (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 2:30-6:15-9:50 Sat 11-2:30-6:15-9:50 Sun-Thu 2:30-6:15-9:50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 2:35-6-9:30 Sat 11:10-2:35-6-9:30 Sun-Wed 2:35-6-9:30 Thu 2:35-9:30
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (STC) No Passes Thu 10:20
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:35-10:30
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10
Puss in Boots (G) Sat 11
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45
Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri 2:25 Sat 12-2:25 Sun-Thu 2:25
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-7:10
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Mon 1:45-5:45-9:40 Tue 5:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:45-5:45-9:40

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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-7:05-10:30 Sun 12:40-6:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:50
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri 2:10-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sun 11:45-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Wed 4:50-7:30-10:10 Thu 2:15-4:50-7:30-10:10
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:15
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Grudge Match (14A) Fri 4:10-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10 Mon 5:40-8:10 Tue 4:10-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 5:40-8:10
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 4:15-7-10:25 Sat 12-3:30-7-10:25 Sun 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:15 Mon 5-8 Tue 4:15-7-10:25 Wed-Thu 5-8
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sat 10:30 Sun 10:10 Tue 10:30
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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Sun 8:30 Mon 8:25 Tue 8:30 Wed-Thu 8:25
Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Sat 11:20-1:35 Sun 1:35
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri 4-6:10 Sat-Sun 3:55-6:10 Mon 6 Tue 4-6:10 Wed-Thu 6
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Dhoom 3 (PG) Mon-Thu 3:30
Jilla (STC) Fri-Sun 1:30-3-6-7-9:45-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9-10:30
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With more than 20,000 new tech products expected to be unveiled at the 2014 Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas this week, here is a look at what will be turning heads.

LG G FLEX SMARTPHONE (PRICE TBD)

The world's first curved, flexible smartphone. The curved screen not only feels nice against the side of your face, the screen can bend slightly, preventing it from breaking if accidentally sat on. The back of the phone is also self healing, which means minor scratches from car keys and coins will gradually repair themselves over time. Expect to see this in consumer's hands in North America this spring.

LG G Flex smartphone (price TBD)

TREWGRIP ($250)

Easily one of the most bizarre accessories on the show floor. This Bluetooth keyboard, which pairs with your smartphone or tablet, has the keys on the backside so you never see your fingers. Its inventor claims you can become proficient with the unique keyboard after eight to 10 hours of use.

PARROT JUMPING SUMO (PRICE TBD)

This zippy, two-wheeled robotic toy can race around at high speeds and stop on a dime. However, it also has a hidden secret — it can jump. The Jumping Sumo, which is controlled through your smartphone or tablet, can reach heights of nearly three feet, meaning it can jump up stairs or onto tables. It also has a built-in camera so you can record your adventures. The Jumping Sumo is still a prototype, so no word on price or release date.

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The June UV Sensor has to be one of the most practical, wearable devices designed. The flashy sensor, which is worn around your wrist, lets you know when you should put on a hat or reapply sunscreen based on your skin type and habits. The stylish design will likely catch the eye of tech-savvy women.

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LG HEART RATE MONITOR EARPHONES (PRICE TBD)

These stylish looking earbuds serve a dual purpose. Not only do they let you listen to your favourite tunes while you work out, they also monitor your heartbeat by measuring signals from your inner ear. If you pair it with LG's soon-to-be released Lifeband activity wristband you will see real-time heart rate data on your wrist. LG hasn't announced a price or release date at press time.

SONY 4K CAMCORDER ($1,999)

Shoot stunning video just like professional filmmakers with Sony's 4K Camcorder. This video camera shoots video with four times the resolution of high definition. The price may be a bit steep, but the picture quality is jaw-dropping considering the small size of this camera. Home videos will never be the same.

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SAMSUNG BENDABLE TELEVISION (PRICE TBD)

From smartphones to televisions, curved screens are all the rage in home electronics this year. Samsung's latest television transforms its flat screen into a curved display with the touch of a button. The screen bends, giving you a more immersive viewing experience. Price and availability have yet to be determined.

CUB CADET ELECTRIC ZERO-TURN RIDING MOWER ($3,999)

Move over electric car — there's a new vehicle in town. Cub Cadet has introduced the world's first electric zero-turn riding mower with steering wheel. The mower can cut grass for 60 to 90 minutes on a single charge, depending on the terrain, and can turn on a dime. Expect this mower to hit Canadian lawns this spring.

SONY TENNIS SENSOR (PRICE TBD)

Become a tennis pro with a little help from Sony. This specialized prototype tennis racket has a sensor built-in that can analyze how you play the game. Monitor impact point on racquet, ball speed or analyze your entire swing.

– Mike Yawney

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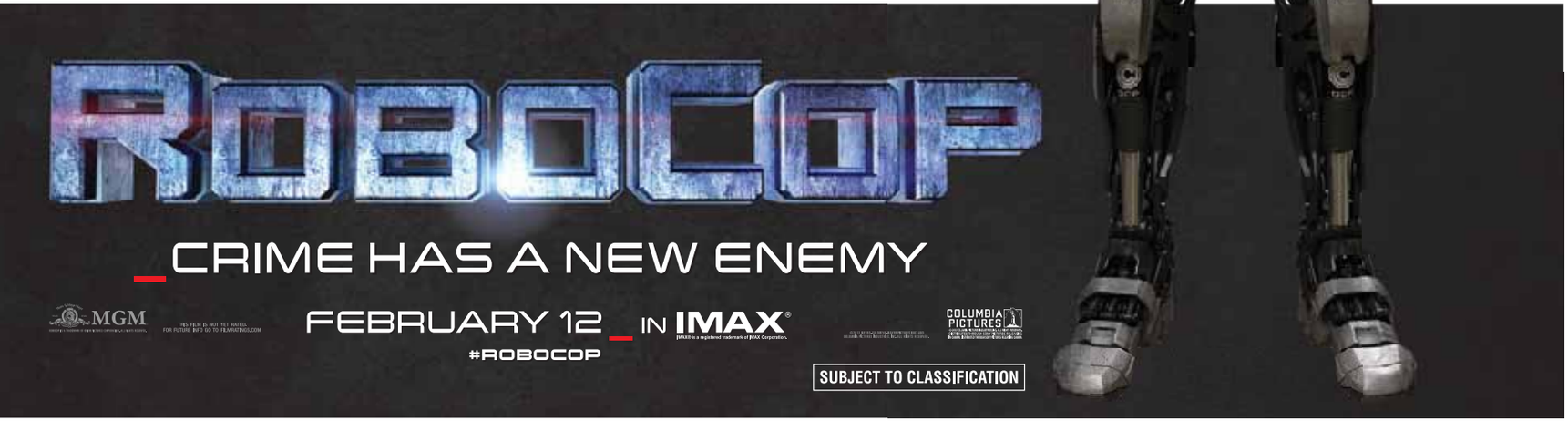

Jessica Chastain DISNEYPARKS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leibovitz's latest Disney creation sees Chastain Brave it on horseback

Actress Jessica Chastain is the latest celebrity to portray a Disney character for the Disney Dream Portrait series by photographer Annie Leibovitz. She appears as Merida from the animated film Brave in pictures taken during a photo shoot in Cold Spring, N.Y. The series, which debuted in 2007, features celebrities set in Disney fantasy settings. Taylor Swift has posed as Rapunzel, Tina Fey was Tinker Bell, Russell Brand was Captain Hook and actress-singer Jennifer Hudson was Tiana from The Princess and the Frog.

Robert Pattinson GETTY IMAGES

Pattinson gets playful with artist friend but Penn has no need to worry

Robert Pattinson was reportedly getting "very touchy-feely" with London-based artist Nettie Wakefield on a night out together, according to the British tabloid newspaper The Sun. "They were trying to keep a low profile but Rob teased Nettie by messing with her hair and they had a flirty play-fight," a source says. "Afterwards they were giggling like teenagers." Pattinson's rep insists, though, that the pair are "very good friends and are definitely not dating," which is probably good news for Dylan Penn, aspiring screenwriter and daughter of Sean Penn, whom Pattinson has reportedly been dating since November.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Actress-singer Jennifer Hudson, right, and sister Julia Hudson. GETTY IMAGES

Humanitarian award has Hudson fighting back the tears

Jennifer Hudson held back tears when she accepted the favourite humanitarian award at the 2014 People's Choice Awards on Wednesday night.

Accompanied on stage by her sister Julia Hudson, the Oscar-winning actress became choked up as she said: "My mother always taught us without family you have nothing. Whether you know it or not, we all are family. What happens to the other happens to us. It's one thing to be a celebrity and have power, but it means nothing if we're not making a difference and helping someone else."

Hudson created the Chicago-based Julian D. King Gift Foundation with her sister, Julia Hudson, in honour of her nephew, Julian King, who was murdered in 2008 at the age of seven. The crime also took the lives of the Hudsons' mother and brother.

The foundation aims to provide stability and positive experiences for children. Hudson was presented with the award by LL Cool J. "It feels good to see positivity acknowledged," she said. "Where we come from all you hear about is who shot who and who went to jail. There is more to life than the block you live on. We want to show them that I came from the same area and if I can do it, you can do it too. It does not stop there."

Hudson's speech was the only thing to strike a strong emotional chord during the ceremony. Bestowing the humanitarian award remains a gripping moment in a show primarily packed with light-hearted banter.

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Demi Moore GETTY IMAGES

Moore alone in paradise with her man Friday

Demi Moore seems to be bouncing back from her divorce just fine, as she was spotted frolicking on a Mexican beach vacation with her new 27-year-old boyfriend, Dead Sara drummer Sean Friday, according to Us Weekly. "Sean held her really close," says a source, adding that the pair "kissed a lot" and "were flirting." Moore first met Friday back in May thanks to 25-year-old daughter Rumer Willis. "Rumer brought (Demi) to a show in Los Angeles," the source explains. "She thought he was a fun guy her mom would like."

Kelly Osbourne GETTY IMAGES

Osbourne's engagement off after 'amicable' split

The wedding's off for Kelly Osbourne, who just announced that she's split from fiancé Matthew Mosshart just months after announcing their engagement. "Kelly Osbourne and Matthew Mosshart have decided to end their engagement," her rep tells People magazine. "The split is amicable and the pair continue to have nothing but the utmost respect for one another. Kelly is looking forward to a new year full of fresh beginnings. No further comment will be provided."

The pair met in 2011 at Kate Moss' wedding.

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A glass of the cheap stuff

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Unless you're one of "those" people who keep Christmas decorations up until Easter, the only holiday joy yet to be spread is from your credit card companies.

Wine appreciation on a budget doesn't mean you have to scrimp on quality. In fact, the majority of wines between $10 and $12 dollars are solidly constructed and pleasantly consistent vintage to vintage.

Sure, while you'll give up nuance and complexity the cheaper you drink, most over deliver at their modest price points.

The best advice is to look for blended wines — those made from more than one grape variety — from warmer climates. Combining the juice of different berries can elevate the personality a simple wine (with each berry supporting the overall union) and reliable weather conditions assist in creating a standardized flavour profile.

Hardys' 2012 Stamp Series Riesling Gewurztraminer ($9.95 - $10.99) is a good example of my philosophy and its soft, floral aromas and off-dry, tropical-meets-citrus palate gives it food pairing versatility. Start with pork roast or Asian cuisine. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Where the American South and China meet

Dessert. Coconut-Orange Ambrosia

During Chinese New Year, displaying and eating tangerines and oranges is said to bring wealth and luck. Sounds like a fine start to the new year!

It doesn't hurt that oranges are hitting their prime about now. A great way to use up oranges is to make ambrosia, a lightly sweet treat that originates in the American South.

The two main ingredients are oranges and coconut, both welcome on any Chinese table. So celebrating Chinese New Year with this classic dish seems about right.

1. Use a paring knife to cut off the tops and bottoms of each orange. One at a time, stand each orange on a cut side and slice off the peel on all sides.

2. One at a time, hold the peeled oranges in a cupped hand over a bowl to catch the juices. Use the paring knife to cut out the orange segments from between the membranes.

Ingredients

- 8 to 10 large navel oranges
- 2 oz (4 tbsp) orange liqueur
- 2 tsp superfine sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Flesh from 1 fresh coconut, grated
- 1 sprig fresh mint
- Whipped cream

Add the segments to the bowl. When all of the segments have been removed from each orange, squeeze the membranes over the bowl to get as much juice as possible.

3. Sprinkle the oranges with the orange liqueur, sugar and salt. Toss gently. Divide between 4 serving bowls. Top with the fresh coconut, a few fresh mint leaves and whipped cream. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.**

Limes and cherries mingle in brownie

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with baking spray.

2. In bowl, combine melted butter, brown sugar, salt, lime zest and vanilla. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Stir in the flour and cocoa powder, then stir in the cherries and chocolate.

3. Spread the mixture evenly into the prepared pan. Dollop lime marmalade and cherry jam over the top of the brownie batter. Gently drag the back of a spoon through the top of the batter and the marmalade and jam to swirl them into the surface. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the centre yields just moist crumbs. Allow to cool in the pan. Cut into 24 bars.

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Ingredients

- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, melted
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- Zest of 1 lime
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup Dutch processed cocoa powder, sifted
- 1 cup dried cherries
- 1 cup bittersweet chocolate chunks
- 1/3 cup lime marmalade
- 1/3 cup cherry jam

This recipe serves 24. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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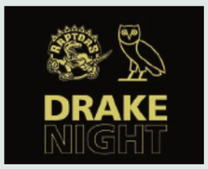

Drake Night

Date: : Jan. 11th
Location: ACC
This Saturday the Raptors will suit up against the Brooklyn Nets in their black alternates. Why, you ask? Cause it's Drake Night at the ACC. We're not sure if this means anything more than Drizzy simply showing up, a Drake Night Edition Tee, and a halftime DJ set by Future The Prince, but the Raps' newest ambassador can clearly do anything he wants and we want to be there to see it.

Boats

Date: Jan. 10 – 19
Location: Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place: 100 Princes' Blvd.
The Toronto International Boat Show is coming to town and bringing with it the world's largest indoor lake — seriously. Not only will you be able to check out all the demos you can handle, but you can try the ones you like on real water! Could be a nice way to distract yourself from the -35 C weather. Oh, and Duma the wakeboarding, boat-driving, wonder dog will be there too in case you were worried.

Music

Dates: Various
Locations: Massey Hall, Roy Thomson Hall
Neil Young and Diana Krall will be at Massey Hall for a benefit concert in support of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Legal Defense on Sunday, though you should probably pray to the Craigslist gods if you want in. The Pixies will be there on the 15th. And apparently when you're as famous as Mozart, people celebrate your birthday even if it's some strange one like 258th. The TSO will present various Mozart works over the next two weeks at Roy Thomson Hall.

Oysters

Date: Jan. 12
Location: 633 College St.
Think you know a good shuck when you see one? Well now there's a chance to find out for sure. Hogtown Pub and Oysters is putting on an intense, three-hour seminar that'll teach you everything from how to buy, store, cook, dress, and shuck your favourite mollusks. Included in the $95 price tag will be your very own shucker and recipe book to take home and practice with.

Change

Date: Jan. 12
Location: Wychwood Barns: 601 Christie St.
This is the healthiest speed dating we've ever heard of. You'll get up to six one-minute "speed meetings" with whatever experts you think can best help you reach all your health and fitness goals. There'll also be several group talks given on a variety of health and wellness issues as well as healthy food and drink options. Did we mention this was healthy?

Wine

Date: Jan. 10 – 26
Location: Niagara, U of T
This weekend, the 19th Annual Niagara Icewine Festival kicks off its two-week celebration of this Canadian delicacy. Galas, events, tastings, and wine and cheese seminars should keep you plenty warm through January. If you're looking to stay a little more local, check out the Ontario Wine Society's 100-Mile Pinot Tasting on Monday night. You'll receive a structured tasting that features award-winning wines from Ontario's appellations. Bottoms up!

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It's gut-cheque time for TFC

MLS. Reds aspire 'to be internationally recognized as a top club'

Dwayne De Rosario speaks to reporters during Thursday's press conference at BMO Field. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Toronto FC general manager Tim Bezbatchenko calls it a revolution.

Former league MVP Dwayne De Rosario came back on board Thursday and England striker Jermain Defoe is to be unveiled Monday.

It looks like the Tottenham Hotspur star will be joined by U.S. international midfielder Michael Bradley. While Toronto FC officials twisted their tongues into knots Thursday trying not to say anything about Bradley when asked, AS Roma coach Rudi Garcia confirmed Bradley is on the verge of joining Toronto.

It represents a remarkable shopping spree, one that should jolt life into both Toronto FC while adding lustre to MLS.

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment is shelling out millions to turn what has been the a doormat for seven years into a world force.

A club official rejected reports that the combined bill for Defoe and Bradley is $100 million including wages and transfer fees, but the real number probably isn't that far south.

For a team yet to make the MLS playoffs, Toronto ownership is thinking big.

"We want to be internationally recognized as a top club," he said after welcoming De Rosario back at a packed news conference at BMO Field. "There's a certain type of player you need to achieve those (goals)."

Defoe, 31, and Bradley, 26, will do nicely.

A foot ahead

103

Dwayne De Rosario ranks sixth on the all-time MLS scoring list with 103 goals.

The 35-year-old De Rosario, a Toronto native who left the club in 2011 after a contract dispute, adds experience, class and local appeal. He will undoubtedly earn less in Toronto than the $654,300 US he made in 2013, but said his return is about more than money.

"For me right now it's about winning ... you can't put a price on that," De Rosario said.

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Big-ticket talent

De Rosario, Defoe and Bradley will sell tickets — and more than a few jerseys.

- Defoe is a charismatic striker with an eye for the goal, although one club official mused that recently signed Brazilian striker Gilberto may score more goals this season.
- Defoe offers respectability (55 caps for England) as well as scoring chops (more than 200 goals in all competitions).
- Bradley will run the midfield. For the MLS, it's compelling evidence that the league is a legitimate soccer destination.

Jermain Defoe
GETTY IMAGES

Brushed aside in Carolina

Hurricanes forward Manny Malhotra checks Leafs blue-liner Carl Gunnarsson on Thursday in Raleigh, N.C. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jordan Staal had a goal and three assists, and Jeff Skinner extended his offensive surge with a goal and an assist to lead the Carolina Hurricanes to a 6-1 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

John-Michael Liles, Patrick Dwyer, Zach Boychuk and Elias Lindholm also scored for the Hurricanes, who won their fifth straight game. Liles was playing against his former team for the first time — Carolina sent defenceman Tim Gleason to Toronto for Liles on Jan. 1.

On Thursday

Hurricanes	Leafs
6	1

Joffrey Lupul scored for the Maple Leafs. James Reimer made 30 saves.

Toronto has lost three in a row by a combined score of 18-5 after defeating Detroit in the Winter Classic on New Year's Day. The Leafs were coming off lopsided losses to the New York Rangers and the New York Islanders in their previous two games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chargers tasked with reining in Broncos

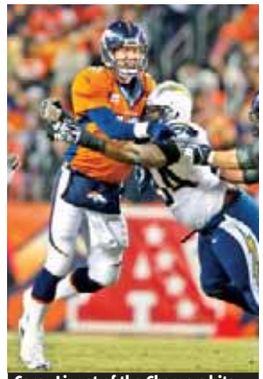
NFL playoffs. San Diego held Denver to season low in points in December upset

The Chargers stunned the Denver Broncos five weeks ago, making Peyton Manning look average and claiming a road victory that was part of a late-season surge that helped sweep San Diego into the playoffs.

They'll have to do it again Sunday in a divisional-round game against the top-seeded Broncos in Denver to keep their January joyride going.

"We're going to come in there with a vengeance and see if we can shock the world again," Pro Bowl safety Eric Weddle said Thursday.

As much as the Chargers' offence contributed to the 27-20 victory at Denver on Dec. 12, defensive co-ordinator John Pagano came up with a game plan that helped frustrate Manning and the high-powered Broncos.



Corey Liuget of the Chargers hits Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning on Dec. 12 in Denver.
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The Bolts held the Broncos to season lows in points and total offensive yards (295). The Broncos had only 18 yards rushing.

The Broncos were forced to punt on four straight possessions in the second and third quarters, a streak that started with three straight three-and-outs.

"It's always a challenge for us as a staff for putting those things together when you see an opponent for the third time," Pagano said. "There's so many things that they know about us and we know about them. It really comes down to between the lines, players going out and executing. Sometimes you can't worry about, 'Oh, they've seen this before, or done this before.' You've just got to go out and execute. If players go at a high level no matter what the call is and we execute, you're always going to have that success."

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Playoff return

Harvin back for Hawks

Percy Harvin will play for the Seattle Seahawks in Saturday's NFC divisional playoff game against the New Orleans Saints after missing most of the season following hip surgery.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said the wide receiver would play following Thursday's practice. Carroll said there would be no limitations on how they can use Harvin, including being used on kickoff returns. Harvin has played in just one game this season, in Week 11 against Minnesota, after undergoing surgery to repair the labrum in his hip in early August.

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Chan the big dog going into Olympics

In rare form. 23-year-old looking for seventh straight Canadian senior title; among skaters to beat in Sochi

Patrick Chan practises on Thursday in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CREDIT}

Patrick Chan said he was like a "puppy in puppy daycare" at the Vancouver Olympics four years ago, a wide-eyed teenager at his first party, where everyone was cool and everything was free.

"It was so exciting, like 'Oh my god, there are so many cool things. Cool clothes. And the gym's right here.' Everything is available to you," Chan said Thursday, the eve of the Skate Canada national championships in Ottawa.

Chan turned 23 on New Year's Eve, but he's a veteran on a completely different comfort level from the "deer in the headlights" who finished fifth in Vancouver. A move to Detroit last spring that meant a split with his mom Karen — they'd been living together in Colorado Springs — hastened the maturing process.

"Now it will be more normal (in Sochi) because I live on my own," Chan said. "I had the chance to have that excitement living on my own and going to the grocery store, and be like 'I want Oreo cookies today,' or 'I want ice cream.'

"I'm in complete control of what I want, so going to the Olympics will be more of a comfortable feeling as opposed to summer camp kind of feel."

Chan, who will take aim at his seventh straight Canadian senior title this week, has become the skater to beat at Sochi since winning three consecutive world crowns. At the Trophee Bompard Grand Prix in November, he ran away with gold, smashing the world records in the short and long program, and for overall score, finishing 31 points ahead of closest pursuer Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"(Patrick Chan) is going to need to be focused because the competition is getting close to him now."

Three-time world champion Elvis Stojko, on the men's figure-skating field at Sochi.

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Recurring Dream in Houston

NBA. Harden playing at level not seen since Rockets' last championship season

Dwight Howard, left, and James Harden talk during Wednesday's game against the Lakers. Harden had 38 points in the 113-99 win. SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY IMAGES

James Harden is heating up for the Houston Rockets.

Just how hot has he been?

Hakeem Olajuwon hot — that's how hot. He's averaged more than 37 points his last three games to become the first Rocket to score at least 37 points in three straight games since the Hall of Famer did it in 1994-95.

Harden was slowed by foot and ankle problems late last year, but there have been no signs of that lately. He is enjoying the roll, but is more concerned about the big picture.

"Most important is us winning and playing the right way," Harden said. "We haven't found a rhythm yet this season ... where everybody is on the same page. So that's the most important thing right now and I'm just trying to be a leader."

Houston has won two in a row and starts a four-game road trip Friday in Atlanta. The Rockets are 23-13 and five games behind Southwest Division leader San Antonio in the standings.

Harden was great last year for Houston in his first season as a starter after serving as Oklahoma City's sixth man behind Kevin Durant. But the six-foot-five guard has really flourished in Year 2, and is fifth in the NBA in scoring at 24.9 points per game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Gruden to deal with 'Skins mess

Jay Gruden has his first NFL head coaching gig, charged with ending the perpetual state of turmoil that has become the Washington Redskins.

He was hired Thursday after spending the last three seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Cincinnati Bengals, where his skill in helping to develop Andy Dalton will no doubt be of use when he takes on the task of grooming another young franchise quarterback, Robert Griffin III.

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Dan Le Batard

No more HOF votes for ESPN host

Dan Le Batard was kicked out of the Baseball Writers' Association of America for a year and barred from Hall of Fame voting after allowing online readers to choose the selections on his ballot. The decision was made Thursday, a day after Le Batard said he let Deadspin.com cast his ballot.

"The BBWAA regards Hall of Fame voting as the ultimate privilege, and any abuse of that privilege is unacceptable," the organization said in a statement.

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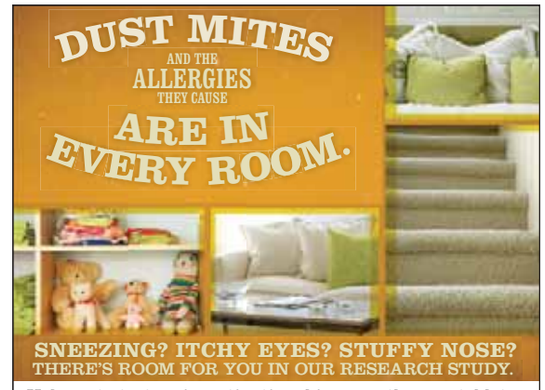

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There are so many ambitions you want to pursue and so many goals you want to reach, but not even an Aries can do everything at once. Decide what is the top thing that needs to be done — and do it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets indicate this is the perfect time to sit quietly and ponder the meaning of your existence. If that sounds a bit too intellectual, just plan your next big vacation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The first step toward resolving a problem is to recognize that there is a problem, and that is the step you must take today. For too long, you have ignored the warning signs.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Be completely honest with everyone you deal with today, even if it means you hurt their feelings. If you lie, despite the best of intentions, they will find out later and take it as a sign you cannot be trusted.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you have done something you are proud of then shout about it. You are no stranger to drawing attention to yourself but this is one of those occasions when you have every right to go on a lap of honour.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take care you don't get lulled into a false sense of security and end up making the kind of silly mistake you usually work so hard to avoid. Check every detail over the next 24 hours.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make an effort to put squabbles behind you. That might seem like a tall order considering how fragile certain relationships have been but it will be easier than you imagine.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Interesting information will come your way over the next 24 hours, making it easier for you to get your way. Once others realize you are ahead of the game, they are much more likely to do as you say.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be positive about what happens today. Look on the bright side and realize that negativity of any kind will only add to your problems. Most of the world's population would give its right arm to be you.

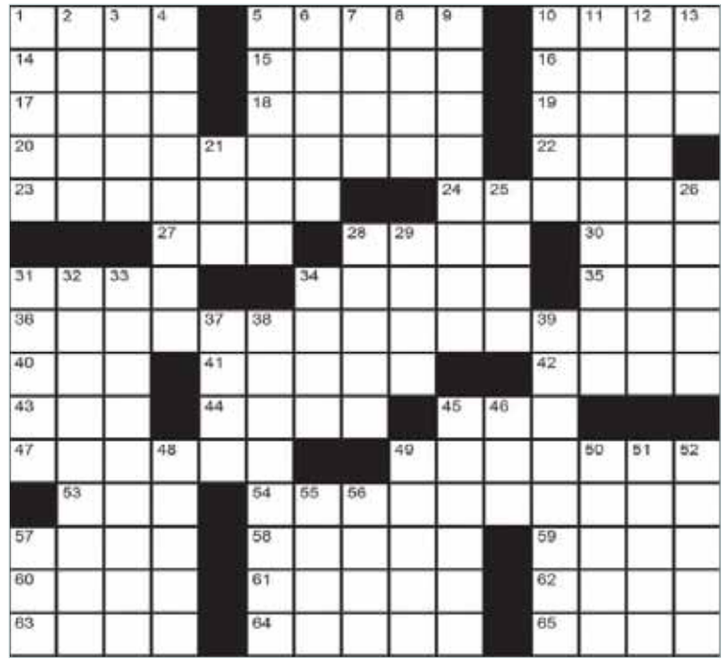
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Start something that helps you make your mark on the world. Don't worry that certain people might not approve. It's a sure sign that you are doing something worthwhile.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't reject an idea just because it seems impractical. A few days from now, you will see it in a light that makes you realize that if you want something enough, you can find a way to get it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It may seem that you are lucky, but it isn't true. The cosmos rewards those who deserve it and no one deserves it more than you. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ dancing (Punk+rock dance style)
5. Ms. Lovato's
10. Billy Ray Cyrus' "__ Breaky Heart"
14. Matador's victim
15. Forcibly seize
16. "To __ __ not to..."
17. Observer
18. Plane seating request
19. Lakes, in Quebec
20. Profession for #28-Across: 2 wds.
22. Informally seat theatre-goers
23. Mottos
24. Concurs
27. Profound feeling
28. Ms. Olson of Food Network Canada
30. "Alice" waitress
31. Egotistically emote
34. Had pizza delivered: 2 wds.
35. Singer Janis
36. Rainwater harvesting is a source of it: 2 wds.
40. 'Lobby' suffix
41. Piano's D Sharp key alternatively, _ __
42. Actress/singer Ms. Michele's
43. Q. "Who's that novelist Mr. Lawrence?" A. "_._., _ believe."
44. Some: 2 wds.
45. Actor Mr. Wheaton
47. Esoteric
49. Newspaper piece
53. Sarah McLachlan song
54. CRTC = Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications __
57. Face part
58. Characteristic
59. Quiz
60. Katarina of figure skating
61. www mag
62. Margarine
63. Deuce-ace
64. Giver
65. Average

Down
1. Footprints
2. Faithful
3. "You __ __ Beautiful" by Joe Cocker
4. CMHC = Canada __ and Housing Corporation
5. The Rock, aka __ Johnson
6. Hockey great Mr. Lindros, and namesakes
7. Go together well
8. Archipelago part
9. "Hart to Hart" star Ms. Powers
10. Q. "'Song 2', do you know it?" A. "Yes, it's _ __ song from 1997."
11. Peace, in wartime
12. Present-day Montreal in French explorer Jacques Cartier's time
13. Decade divs.
21. Carrot-consuming choice, cooked or __
25. "The Journey of Natty __" (1985)
26. Some electronics
28. Attorney-__-__
29. Nair competitor
31. Water filter company
32. Quentin Tarantino's "__ Dogs" (1992)
33. 'Cemetery of the Gulf' in Quebec, __ Island
34. Competent
37. Gradually withdraw
38. Influenced
39. Newfoundland town, 'The Root Cellar Capital of the World'
45. Author
46. The thing's
48. Have an __ __ grind
49. __ acid
50. Sky: Spanish
51. NBC's "The Biggest __"
52. Insects sci.
55. Pasta kind
56. Central
57. Nunavut's neigh.

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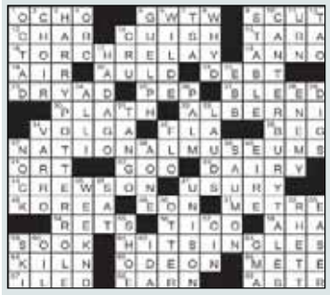

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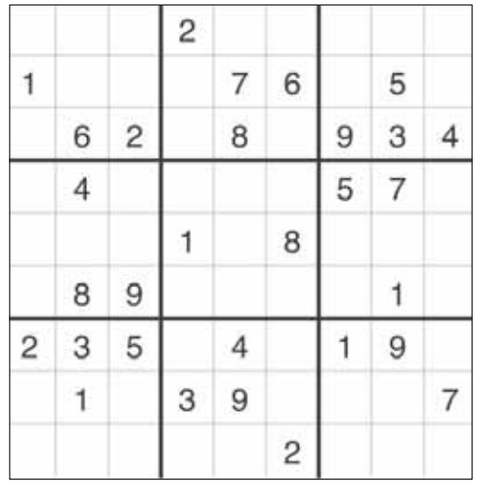
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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3	7	8	9	4	1	2	6	5
9	6	1	5	8	7	3	4	2
5	3	2	4	1	6	9	7	8
7	8	4	3	9	2	6	5	1
6	9	5	7	2	8	1	3	4
1	2	3	6	5	4	8	9	7
8	4	7	1	3	9	5	2	6

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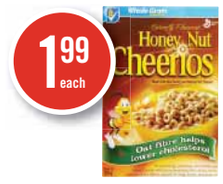

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